

2022 Spring Fire Weather Webinar

National Weather Service, Albany, NY

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Outline

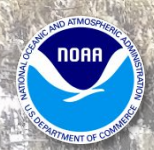


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Mission: provide forecasts and warnings for protection of life and property and enhancement of national economy

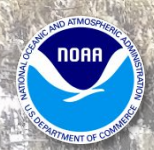




NWS Albany



- Department of Commerce
 - NOAA
 - NWS



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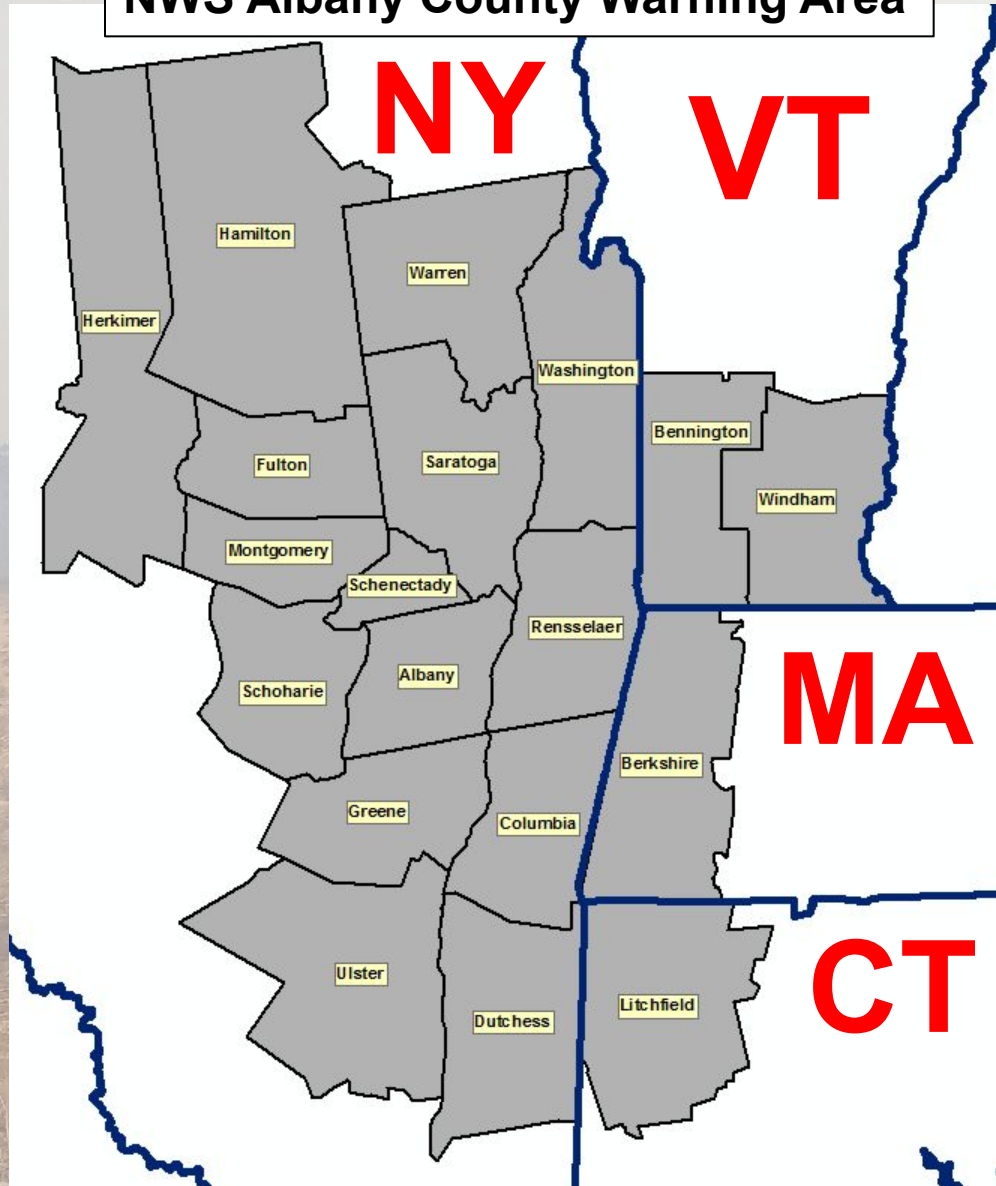


- We moved! Now located in ETEC building on the Harriman Office Campus
- About 25 people on staff
- 24/7/365 operations



Fire Weather Coordination

NWS Albany County Warning Area



- NWS Albany is the New York State Liaison office – we coordinate non-routine fire weather products for eastern New York with Captain Jaime Laczko (NYSDEC)
 - **New this year:** coordinating the day prior (at latest) instead of the morning of critical fire wx conditions
- NWS Burlington coordinates with Vermont
- NWS Norton, MA and Upton, NY coordinate with Massachusetts and Connecticut



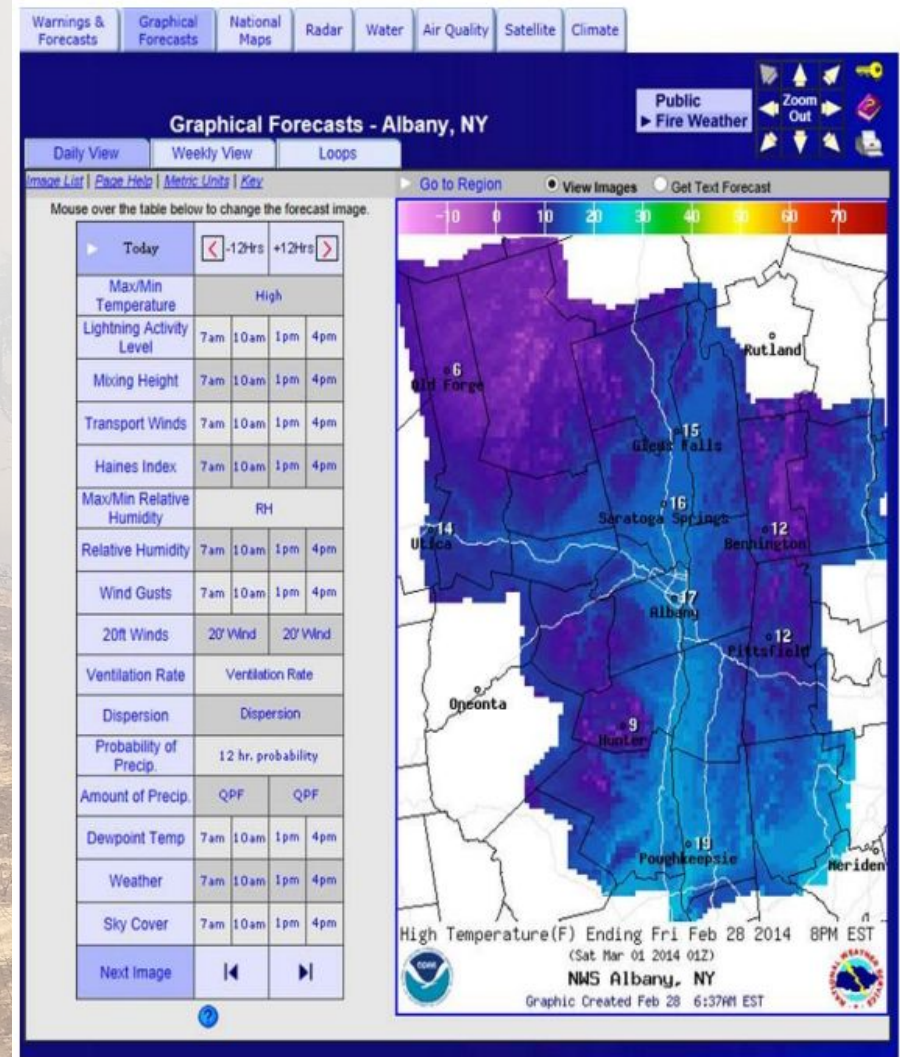
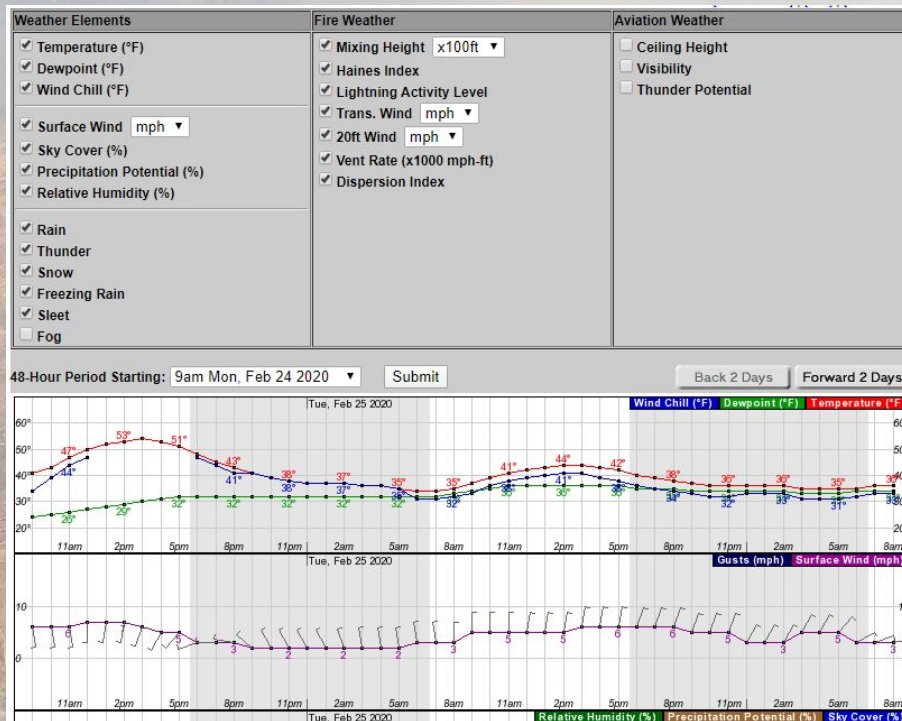
NWS Albany Fire Weather Products



Fire Weather Products

Routine Products

- **Gridded Fire Weather Forecast**
 - Graphical forecast of fire weather elements
 - Updated daily around 4 am/pm (or more frequently if necessary)



Fire Weather Products

Routine Products

• FWF – Fire Weather Planning Forecast

- Brief fire weather discussion, followed by tabular forecast for the next ~48 hours and extended forecast
- Zone-averaged forecast
- Issued daily around 4 am/pm Mar–Nov, updated more frequently if necessary

NYZ032-270915-

Northern Herkimer-

Including the cities of Big Moose, Eagle Bay, McKeever,
Old Forge, Atwell, Nobleboro, and Northwood

537 PM EDT Thu Apr 26 2018

	Tonight	Fri	Fri Night	Sat
CLOUD COVER	PCldy	MCldy	MCldy	MCldy
PRECIP TYPE	Showers	Rain	Showers	Showers
CHANCE PRECIP (%)	40	40	40	60
TEMP (24H TREND)	33 (-7)	54 (+8)	38	53
RH % (24H TREND)	94 (-4)	52 (-19)	100	61
20FTWIND-AM(MPH)		S 6		SW 6
20FTWIND-PM(MPH)	W 10 G18	S 9	SE 7	SW 9
PRECIP AMOUNT	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.11
PRECIP DURATION	1	1	4	6
PRECIP BEGIN	6 PM	10 AM	Continuing	Continuing
PRECIP END	8 PM	Continuing	Continuing	Continuing
MIXING HGT(FT-AGL)		5800		6200
TRANSPORT WND (MPH)		S 16		SW 15
VENT RATE (KT-FT)		81200		80600
DISPERSION		5		5
LAL	1	1	1	1
HAINES INDEX	2	3	2	2

REMARKS...None.





Fire Weather Products

Routine Products

- **FWM – National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) Forecast**
 - Coded point forecasts valid 1300 LT for the next 7 days beginning the following day
 - Issued daily around 3 pm Mar–Nov
 - Issued for six NFDRS sites in eastern NY and southern VT:
 - Albany Pine Bush, NY (300011)
 - Belleayre Mountain, NY (301111)
 - Lake Pleasant, NY (300411)
 - Stony Kill, NY (305103)
 - Saratoga Battlefield, NY (301901)
 - Woodford, VT (431303)



Fire Weather Products

Non-Routine Products: Red Flag Program

- Fire Weather Watches** and **Red Flag Warnings** are issued when the combination of dry fuels and weather conditions support extreme fire danger and/or fire behavior

Red Flag Criteria	Vegetation Stage I or II cured/transition - Spring/Fall	Vegetation Stage III green - Summer
Relative Humidity	Less than 30% for at least 2 hours	Less than 30% for at least 2 hours
Rainfall	N/A	Less than 1/4 inch in previous 8 days
Wind	Sustained or frequent gusts above 25 mph for at least 2 hours	Sustained or frequent gusts above 25 mph for at least 2 hours
Fuel	Partner confirmation of dry/receptive fuels	<u>Keetch-Byram Drought Index</u> above 300 Partner confirmation of dry/receptive fuels
Temperature	N/A	N/A

**2022
changes in
bold**



Fire Weather Products

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 - Issued per coordination with state fire weather contacts
- **Red Flag Warning:** Issued typically within 24 hours of Red Flag conditions when confidence is high in reaching criteria
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- **Special Weather Statement:** Issued when conditions support enhanced fire weather behavior, but at levels below Red Flag criteria
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Non-Routine Products: Spot Forecast

- Detailed forecasts of local conditions in support of wildfire suppression and natural resource management (e.g., prescribed burns)
- Typically issued with a ~20 minute turnaround time from the request
- Requests can be made via weather.gov/spot

A screenshot of the National Weather Service Spot Forecast Request website. The page has a blue header with the NOAA logo and the text "National Weather Service" and "Spot Forecast Request". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Home", "NWS Home", "News", and "Organization". The main content area has a yellow background with the title "Spot Forecast Request". Below this is a "NOTICE" section with red text stating that the interface is for internal agency use and that submissions are voluntary. It also mentions the False Statement Accountability Act of 1996. Below the notice is a section titled "Incident and Decision Support Forecast Request" with a light blue background. This section contains a paragraph stating that the site is the NWS interface for requesting, filling, and monitoring spot forecasts. Below this is a link: "Click here to provide 'Spot Webpage Testing Feedback'". At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: "Submit Spot Request" and "Monitor Spot Forecasts". To the right of the "Submit" button is the text "Interactive Request: Request a spot forecast using an interactive map, with or without a Lat/Lon of the incident." To the right of the "Monitor" button is the text "Monitor: Use this to monitor existing spot requests and forecasts." At the very bottom, there is a footer with two links: "Please take the online survey to let us know what you think of this interface." and "Download the Product Description Document (PDD)".



NWS Albany Fire Weather Webpage & Spot Forecast Page

**weather.gov/aly/fire
weather.gov/spot**



NWS Albany Fire Weather Webpage



weather.gov/aly/fire

- Please send feedback to dan.b.thompson@noaa.gov

NWS Albany Fire Weather Webpage

[Weather.gov](https://weather.gov) > [Albany, NY](https://weather.gov/aly) > NWS Albany Fire Weather Webpage

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Weather Forecast Office

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Questions/comments may be directed to [Dan Thompson](#), Fire Weather Program Leader

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Local Products & Resources

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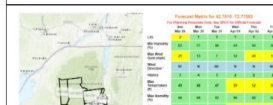
[Spring Fire Weather Webinar Slides](#) (PDF) - 2020

[Local Annual Operations Plan](#) - 2020

Local NFDRS Forecasts

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Fire Weather Matrix - Experimental



Fire Weather Dashboard





Spot Forecast Webpage



Spot Forecast Webpage

weather.gov/spot

- Enter nearest address, lat/lon, or click the map

Step 1: Establish incident location using A or B below.

A. Set request location using nearest street address.

Note 1: Valid entries are street address, zip code, city, state, or latitude & longitude.
Note 2: Latitude & Longitude will return the nearest street address. For exact latitude and longitude points use Step B entry below.
Note 3: City, State, and Zip Code will return a geographic centers.

PLOT ADDRESS

- OR -

B. Set request location using latitude & longitude, USNG, left-click on spot location, or drag the map pointer to spot location below.

Note 1: If the map below does not appear you may enter your decimal Lat/Lon below.
Note 2: To start over click the Reload button on your Web Browser.
Note 3: Latitude, Longitude information should be entered in **WGS84/NAD83** coordinates in order to ensure accurate forecast locations.

Decimal Degree Latitude, Longitude
 West Longitudes Are Negative
 Example: 25.6319 -80.2025

PLOT

United States National Grid (USNG)
 Valid for points between 84N and 80S Latitude
 Require 13 character grid - 10 meter precision
 Example: 18SUJ23480647

PLOT

Degree, Minute, Seconds
 Can accept decimal minutes as an input
 Example: 25 deg 19 min 23 sec W

deg min sec
 deg min sec

PLOT

Elevation
 Latitude & Longitude value used to determine elevation.
 If elevation data is in error, changes can be made
 on the second page of this spot request.

FT

NEW You can now left click to place spot location marker





Spot Forecast Webpage

Step 2: Select the incident type for the request.

Set Incident Type

Fire

☒ Wildfire ☐ Prescribed Fire

Hazardous Materials

☐ HAZMAT Land ☐ HAZMAT Inland Waterway

Search and Rescue

☐ SAR Land ☐ SAR Water

☐ Marine

☐ Other (Volcano, Earthquake, Special Event)

Step 3: Proceed to detailed incident request form.

After setting your location and incident type above, click on the
'Generate A Spot Request'
button below to proceed to the SPOT request form.

Generate A Spot Request





Spot Forecast Webpage



Spot Forecast Incident Type: Wildfire

Spot Request Contact Information

(*) PROJECT NAME: NWS ALY TEST

For NWS Spot forecast policy,
see section 4.0 in NWS Instruction 10-401 at:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.htm>

(*) Requesting Agency: NWS Albany

(*) Requesting Official: Dan Thompson

(*) E-mail address: dan.b.thompson@noaa.gov

(*) Phone number: 555-555-5555

Phone Extension:

Contact Person:

FAX number:

Location

(WGS84 / NAD83 preferred)

(*)Latitude: 42.6759

7.5' Quad:

(*)Longitude: -73.7798

TOP

BOTTOM

Elevation:

243

Feet

Feet

(Elevation preferred in feet)

Fire Weather Supplemental Information

Drainage:

Size:

(In Acres)

Aspect:

Fuel

Type:

Sheltering



Full



Partial



Unsheltered



Spot Forecast Webpage

Specify time information

Specify desired forecast elements

Forecast Information

DELIVER FORECAST

Date : 02/26/2019

Time : As Soon As Possible ▼

FORECAST STARTING

Date : 02/26/2019

Time : 14:00 ▼

TIMEZONE

(Local Time)

EASTERN ▼

Narrative ▼

FORECAST FORMAT

2 Hr ▼

2 Hr ▼

3 Hr ▼

Tabular Time
Table Interval

This Afternoon

Tonight

Wednesday

Select
All
Periods

☐☐

Sky/Weather

☐

Temperature

☐

Humidity

☐

Chance of Wetting
Rain

☐

Chance of
Precipitation

☐

Precipitation Amount

☐

Begin/End of
Precipitation

☐

Max/Min Temperature

☐

Max/Min Humidity

☐

Wind (20 FT)

☐

Wind (Eye Level)

☐

Surface Wind

☐

Mixing Height

☐

Transport Winds

☐

Haines Index

☐

Dispersion

☐

Ventilation Rate

☐

Dewpoint

☐

Smoke Dispersal

☐

NOAA Hysplit Model

Would you like to include a run of the Hysplit Model with this request? If so please verify your email address above as this will be used to send you the hysplit model run.

- ☐ YES
☒ NO

Remarks



Spot Forecast Webpage

Submit
weather
observations
(optional)

Observations

(*) When submitting an observation, the yellow fields are required in addition to at least one weather element.

WX OB 1	WX OB 2	WX OB 3	WX OB 4	WX OB 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Ob	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Ob	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Ob	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Ob	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Ob
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Wind Dir: <input type="text"/>	Wind Dir: <input type="text"/>	Wind Dir: <input type="text"/>	Wind Dir: <input type="text"/>	Wind Dir: <input type="text"/>
Wind Spd: <input type="text"/>	Wind Spd: <input type="text"/>	Wind Spd: <input type="text"/>	Wind Spd: <input type="text"/>	Wind Spd: <input type="text"/>
Temp: <input type="text"/>	Temp: <input type="text"/>	Temp: <input type="text"/>	Temp: <input type="text"/>	Temp: <input type="text"/>
WB: <input type="text"/>	WB: <input type="text"/>	WB: <input type="text"/>	WB: <input type="text"/>	WB: <input type="text"/>
RH: <input type="text"/>	RH: <input type="text"/>	RH: <input type="text"/>	RH: <input type="text"/>	RH: <input type="text"/>
Td: <input type="text"/>	Td: <input type="text"/>	Td: <input type="text"/>	Td: <input type="text"/>	Td: <input type="text"/>
Sky: <input type="text"/>	Sky: <input type="text"/>	Sky: <input type="text"/>	Sky: <input type="text"/>	Sky: <input type="text"/>
Wx: <input type="text"/>	Wx: <input type="text"/>	Wx: <input type="text"/>	Wx: <input type="text"/>	Wx: <input type="text"/>
Rmks: <input type="text"/>	Rmks: <input type="text"/>	Rmks: <input type="text"/>	Rmks: <input type="text"/>	Rmks: <input type="text"/>

Submit Spot Request

Clicking the button below will create a one time spot request.

This request will be processed and a forecast will be generated by the servicing forecast office at the time they receive the spot request.

At any time until the expiration of this forecast, another immediate spot request may be generated off of the original request. Additionally, the immediate spot request can be converted into a scheduled request by contacting your servicing forecast office.

Submit Request

Cancel

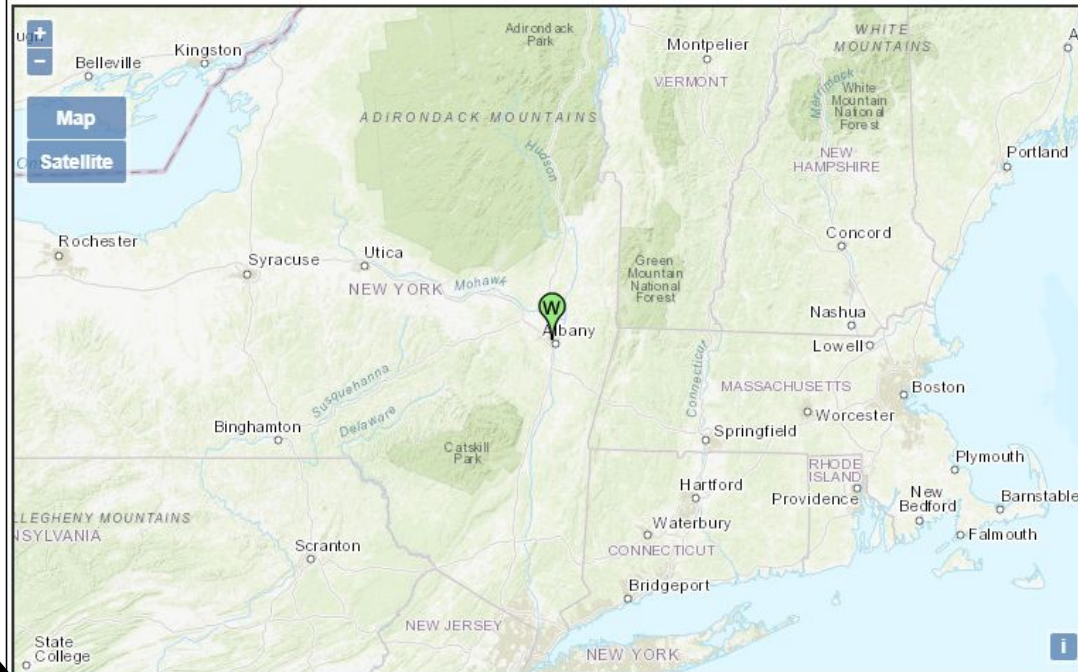
Click "Submit
Request"

Spot Forecast Webpage

Once you submit the request, it will send NWS an alert immediately

Click here once status is "Completed" to view the forecast. An email will also be sent to the address specified in the form when the forecast is ready.









NWS Spot Forecast Monitor



Submit New Spot Request



Spot Monitor Legend

-  W = Wildfire
-  P = Prescribed
-  H = Hazmat
-  S = SAR
-  M = Marine
-  Completed
-  Pending
-  Question

Permalink for page bookmark
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Active Spot Forecasts

Name	Type/Deliver Time	Status	WFO	Actions
NWS ALY TEST	Wildfire 2019-02-26 12:59 PM EST	Request pending	ALY	Change Request Submit Obs Archive Delete



Spot Forecast Webpage

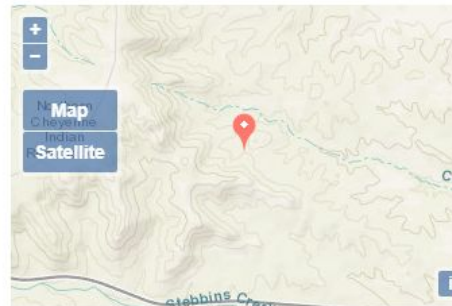
Ash Creek Salvage pile burn Prescribed Fire

Forecast Start Time: 2019-02-26 11:00 AM MST
Request Time: 2019-02-26 10:26 AM MST
Deliver Time: 2019-02-26 10:26 AM MST
Forecast Complete At: 2019-02-26 10:41 AM MST



Location Legal:
Lat/Lon: 45.6356 / -106.433
Quad:
Calculated: 45.6356 / -106.433

Requested By: Northern Cheyenne Agency
Contact:
Phone:
Fax:



Elevation: 3772
Drainage:
Aspect: East
Size:
Fuel Type: (unsheltered)

Observations										
Site	Date	Elev	Wind	Temp	WB	RH	Td	Sky	Wx	Rmk
No observations available										
Submit New Observation										

Requested Parameters

X X X	Sky/Weather
X X X	Temperature
X X X	Humidity
X X X	Chance of Wetting Rain
. . .	Lightning Activity Level
X X X	Wind (20 FT)
X X X	Ridge Top Winds
X X X	Mixing Height
X X X	Transport Winds
X X X	Haines Index

Remarks

Forecast:

Spot Forecast for Ash Creek Salvage pile burn...Northern Cheyenne Agency
National Weather Service Billings MT
1040 AM MST Tue Feb 26 2019

Forecast is based on ignition time of 1100 MST on February 26.
If conditions become unrepresentative...contact the National Weather Service.

Please contact our office if you have questions
or concerns with this forecast.

.DISCUSSION...

Periods of light snow are expected this afternoon through the evening...decreasing late tonight. Temperatures today will be in the single digits above zero with lows tonight from zero to 10 below zero. Expect west to northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday will be a little warmer with just some light snow flurries. Winds will be light out of the south. BT

.REST OF TODAY...

Sky/weather.....Cloudy with periods of snow...mainly afternoon and evening.
Max temperature.....Zero to 5 above zero.
Min humidity.....63-68 percent.
Wind (20 ft).....
Slope/valley.....Northwest winds around 9 mph.
Ridgetop.....West around 25 mph.
Mixing height.....1800 ft AGL.
Transport winds.....Northwest around 15 mph.
Haines index.....2 or very low potential for large plume dominated fire growth.
CWR.....22 percent.

.TONIGHT...

Sky/weather.....Cloudy with scattered snow showers.
Min temperature.....3 below-8 below zero.
Max humidity.....77-82 percent.
Wind (20 ft).....
Slope/valley.....Northwest winds around 6 mph.
Ridgetop.....Northwest around 20 mph.
Mixing height.....300 ft AGL.
Transport winds.....Northwest around 9 mph.
CWR.....14 percent.



Spot Forecast Webpage

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Forecaster...Tesar
Requested by...TravisLimpy
Type of request...PRESCRIBED
.TAG 1901723.1/BYZ
.DELDT 02/26/19
.FormatterVersion 1.0.25
.EMAIL travis.limpy@bia.gov

Please Provide Feedback:

Send Feedback

[Back to Forecast Monitor](#) [Printer Friendly Version of Forecast](#) [Latest Forecast](#)
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You can send us feedback in this box,
for instance, if the observed weather
conditions do not match the forecast



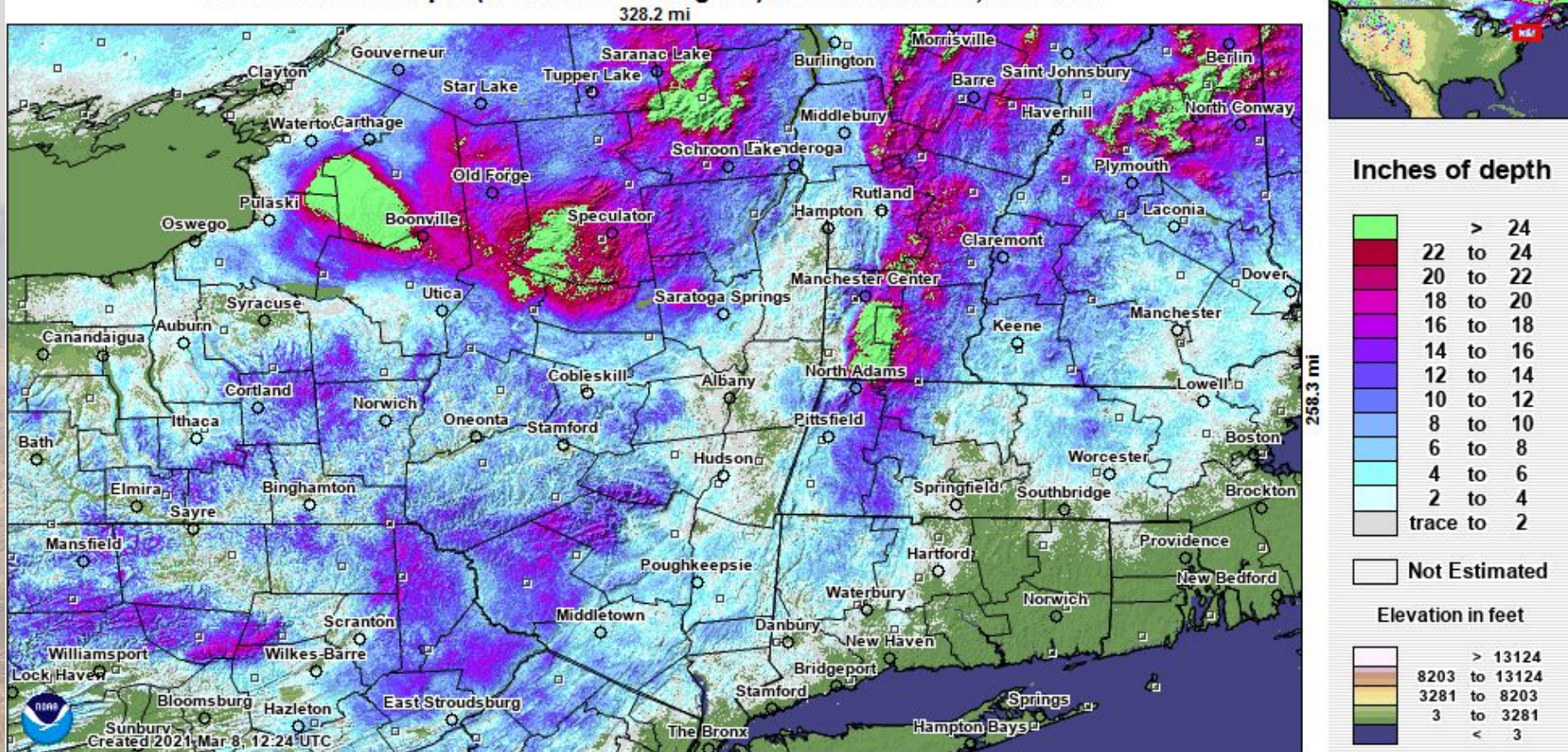
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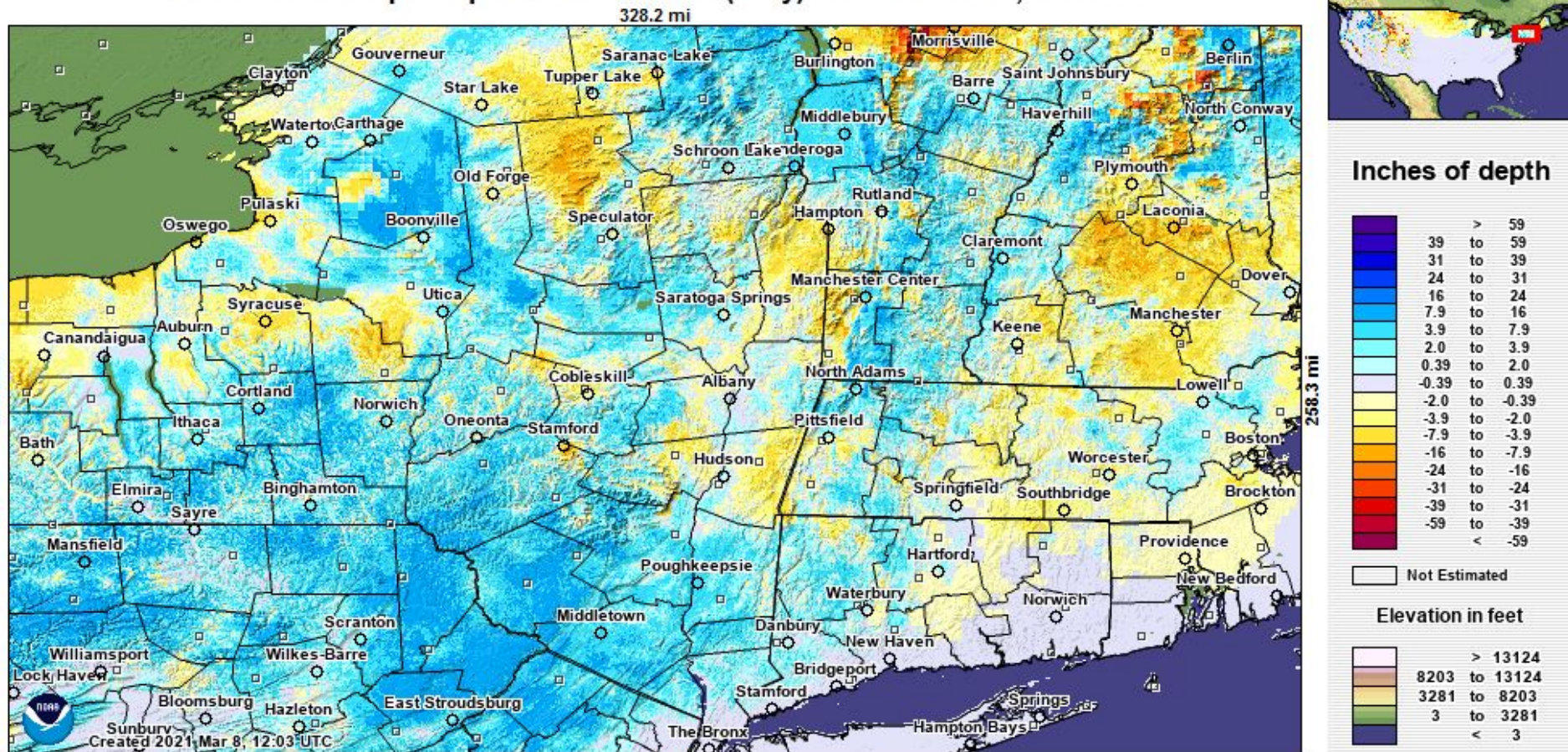
Modeled Snow Depth (Shallow-snow Legend) for 2021 March 8, 6:00 UTC



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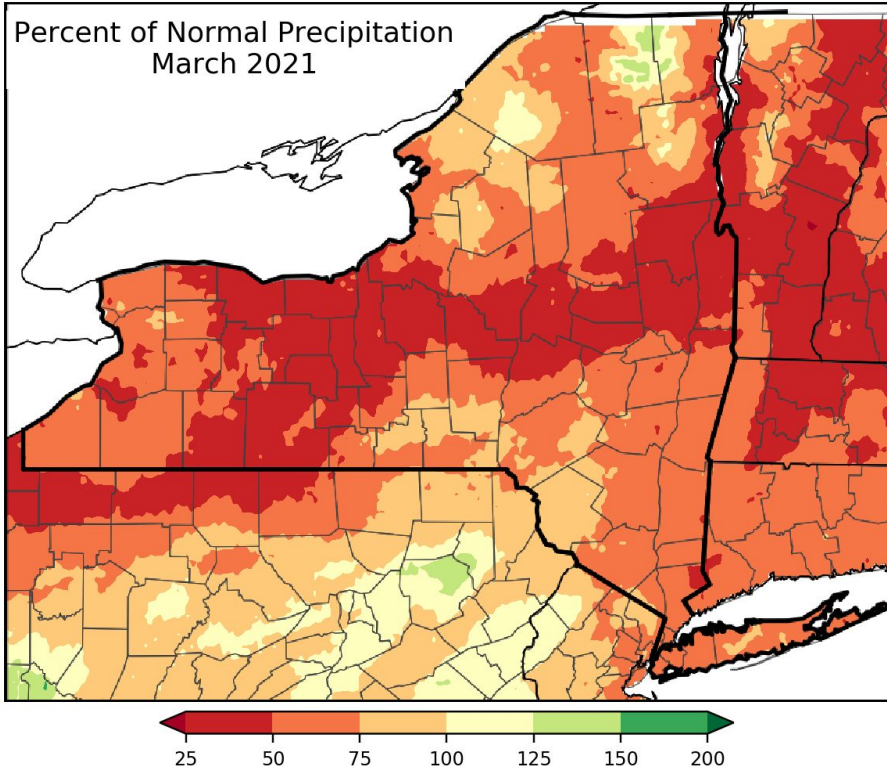
1 Year Ago Today

Modeled Snow Depth Departure from Normal (Daily) for 2021 March 8, 6:00 UTC



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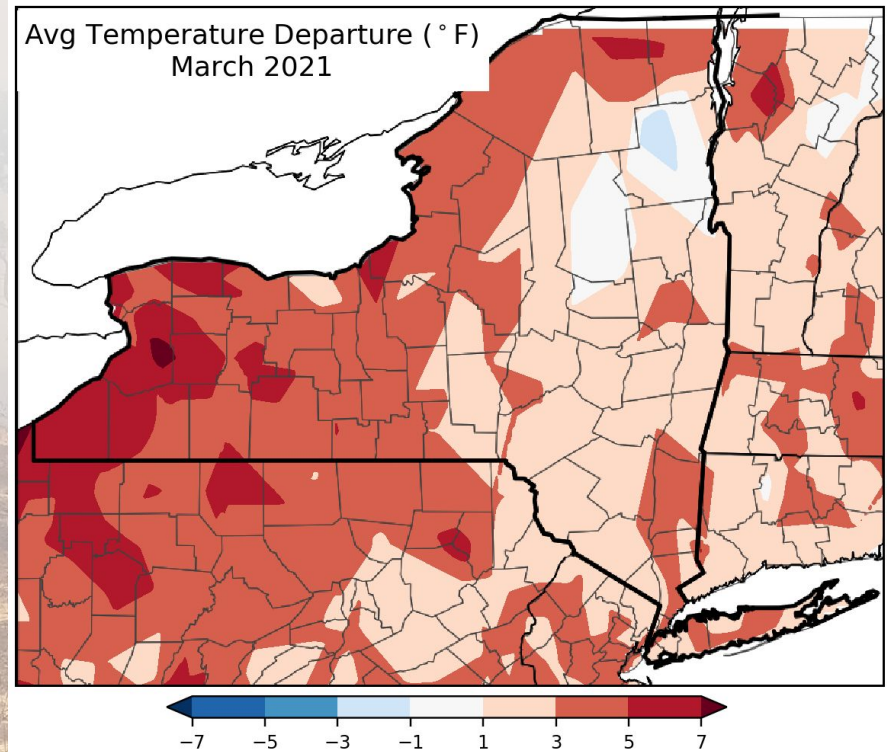
Percent of Normal Precipitation
March 2021



March:

Below normal precip
Near to above normal temps

Avg Temperature Departure (°F)
March 2021



Mar. 2-17:

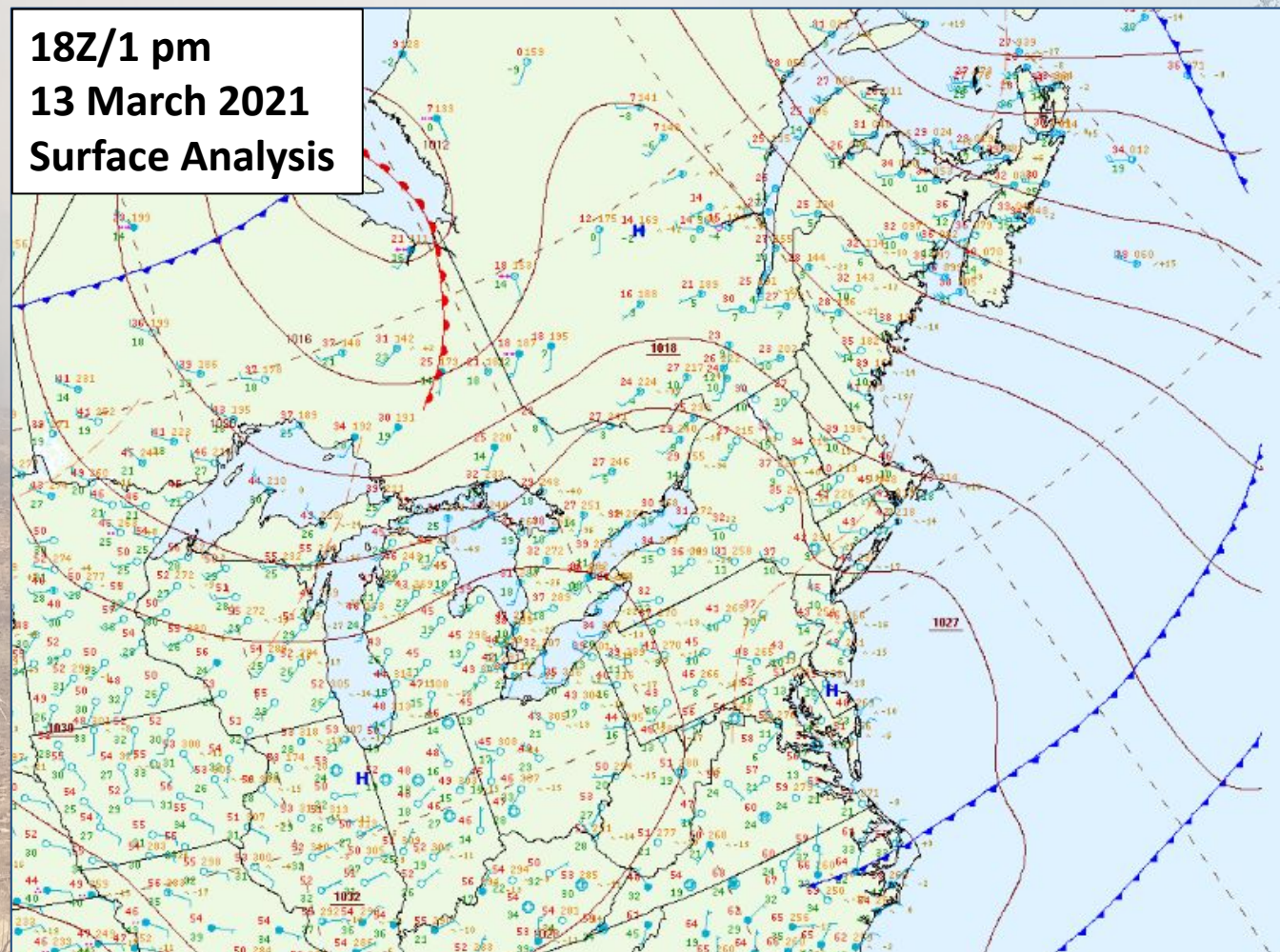
No measurable precip across most
of eastern NY/western New
England

2021 Fire Weather Season Review

- Mar. 13-15: Red Flag Warnings issued for Berkshire County, MA & Litchfield County, CT, in coordination with NWS Boston

- NWS Albany Coordinated with NYSDEC: fuels did not support any statement for NY

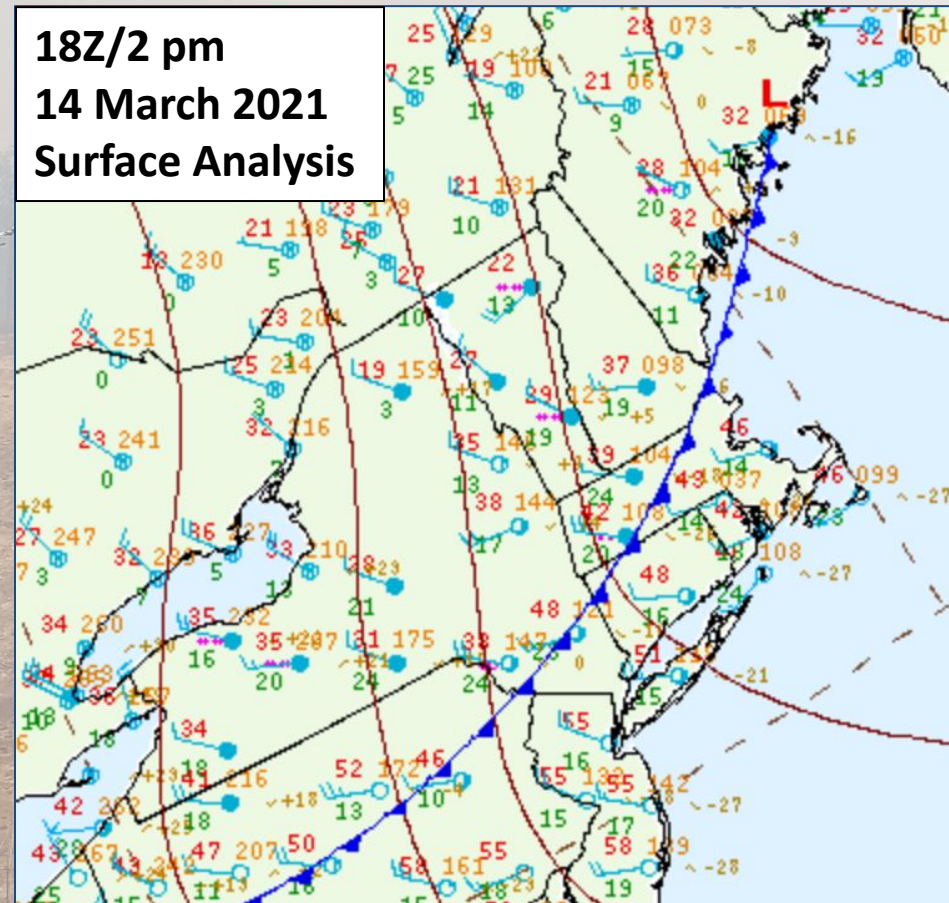
**18Z/1 pm
13 March 2021
Surface Analysis**



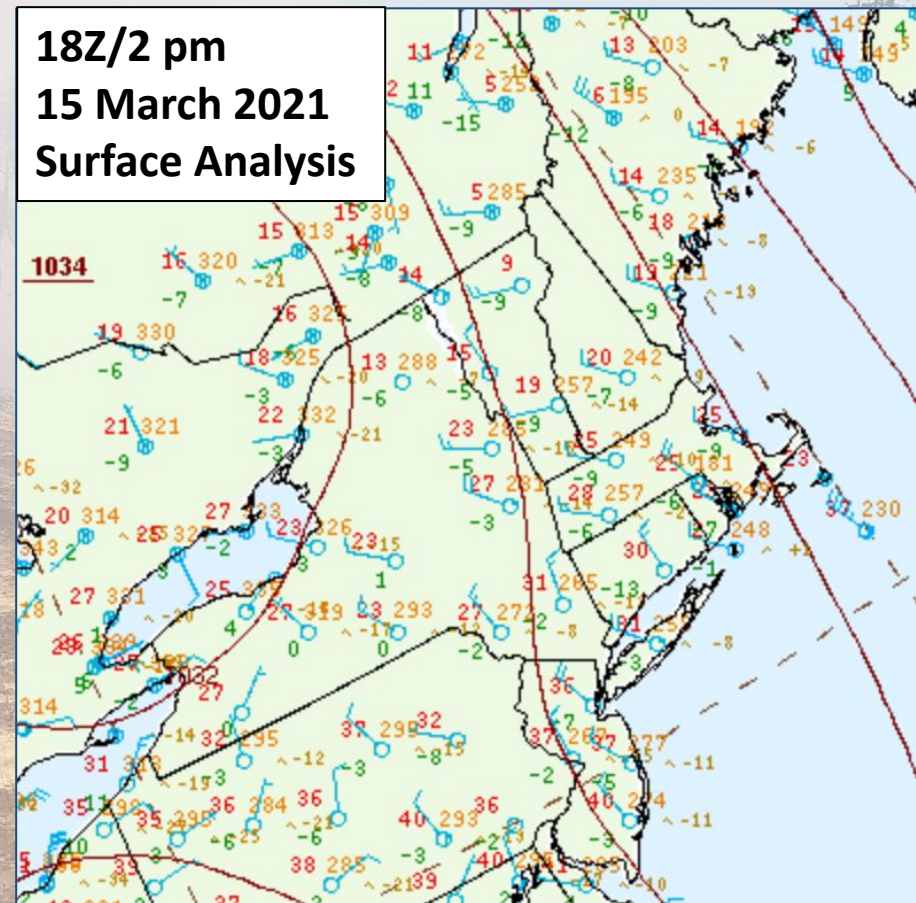
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**18Z/2 pm
14 March 2021
Surface Analysis**



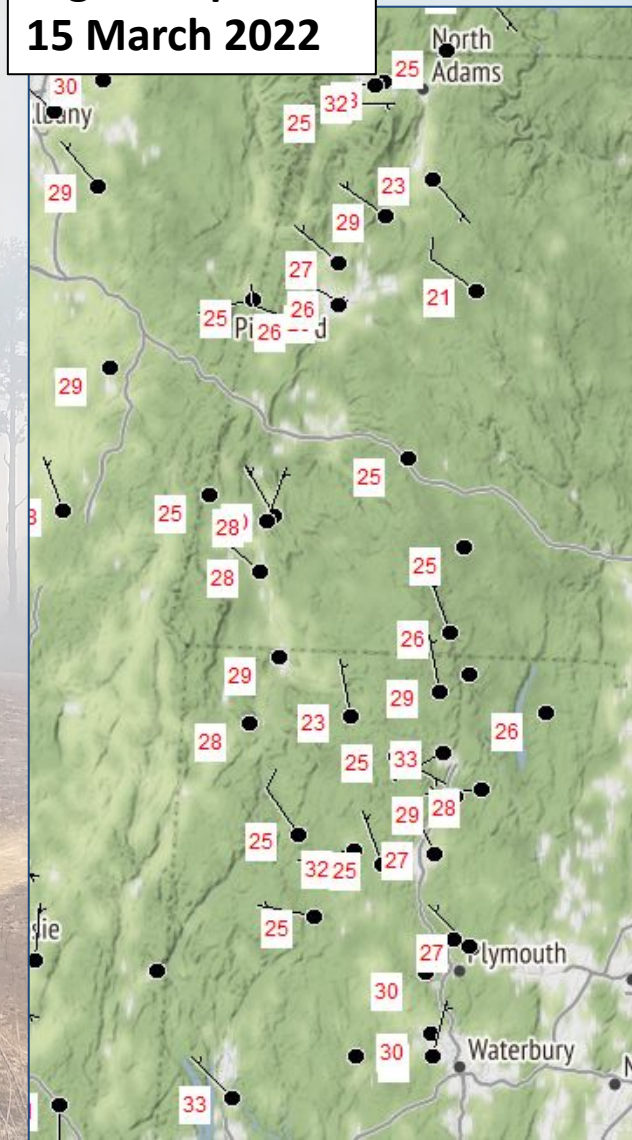
**18Z/2 pm
15 March 2021
Surface Analysis**



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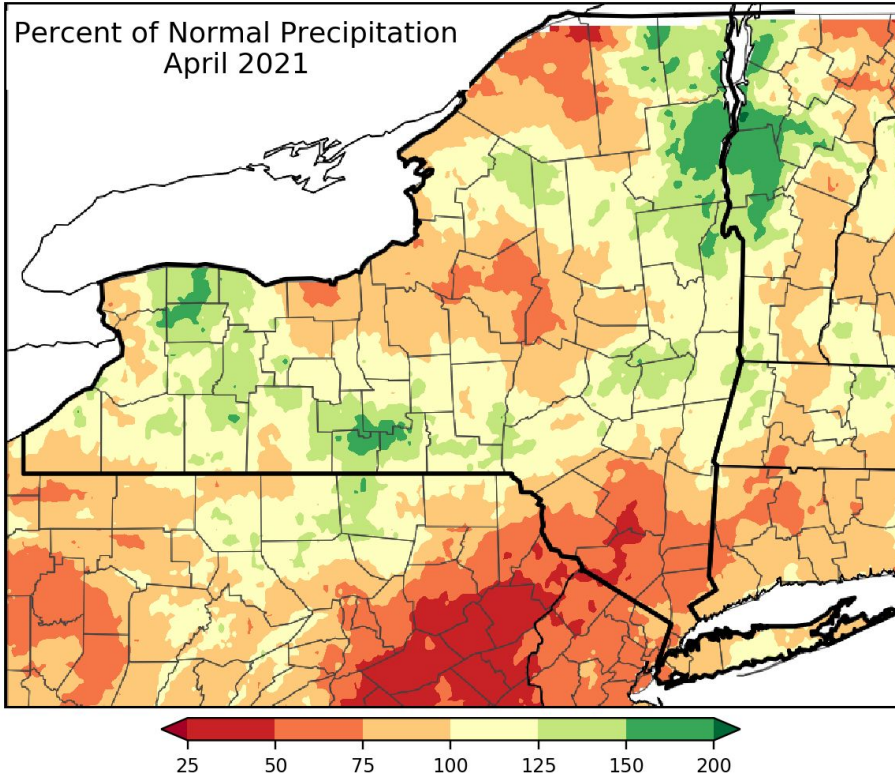
- Mar. 13-15: Red Flag Warnings issued for Berkshire County, MA & Litchfield County, CT, in coordination with NWS Boston
- RH and wind criteria were hit all 3 days for northern Berkshire and northern Litchfield zones, 2 out of 3 days for southern Berkshire/southern Litchfield
- High temps in the mid-20s to low 30s on March 15 - is it ever too cold for Red Flag Warnings?

**High Temps
15 March 2022**



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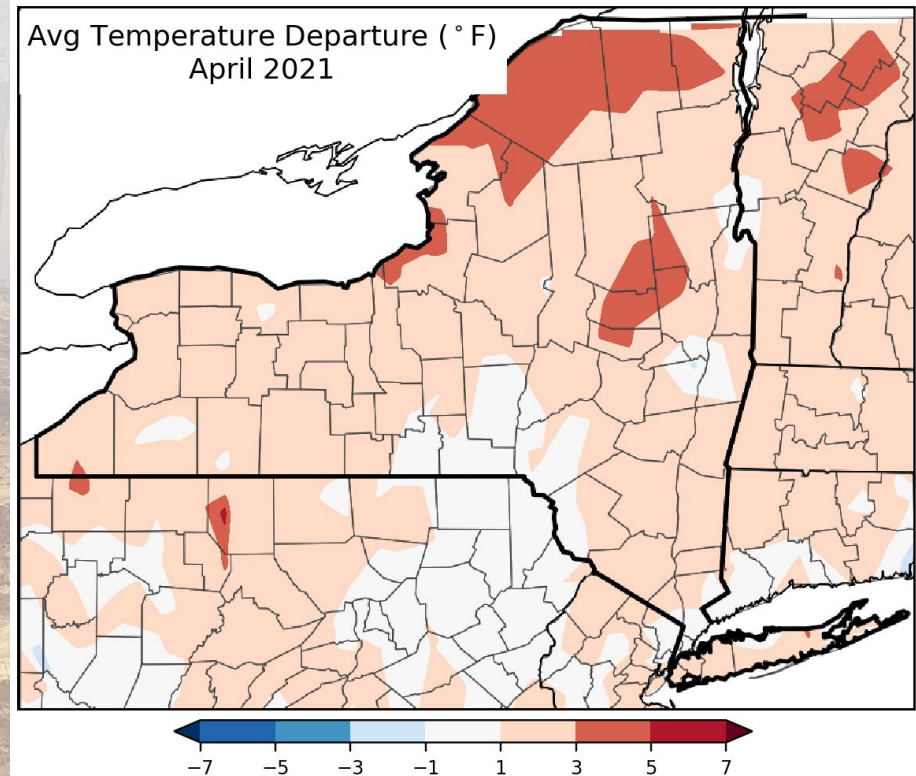
Percent of Normal Precipitation
April 2021



April:

Near to above normal temps
Variable precip

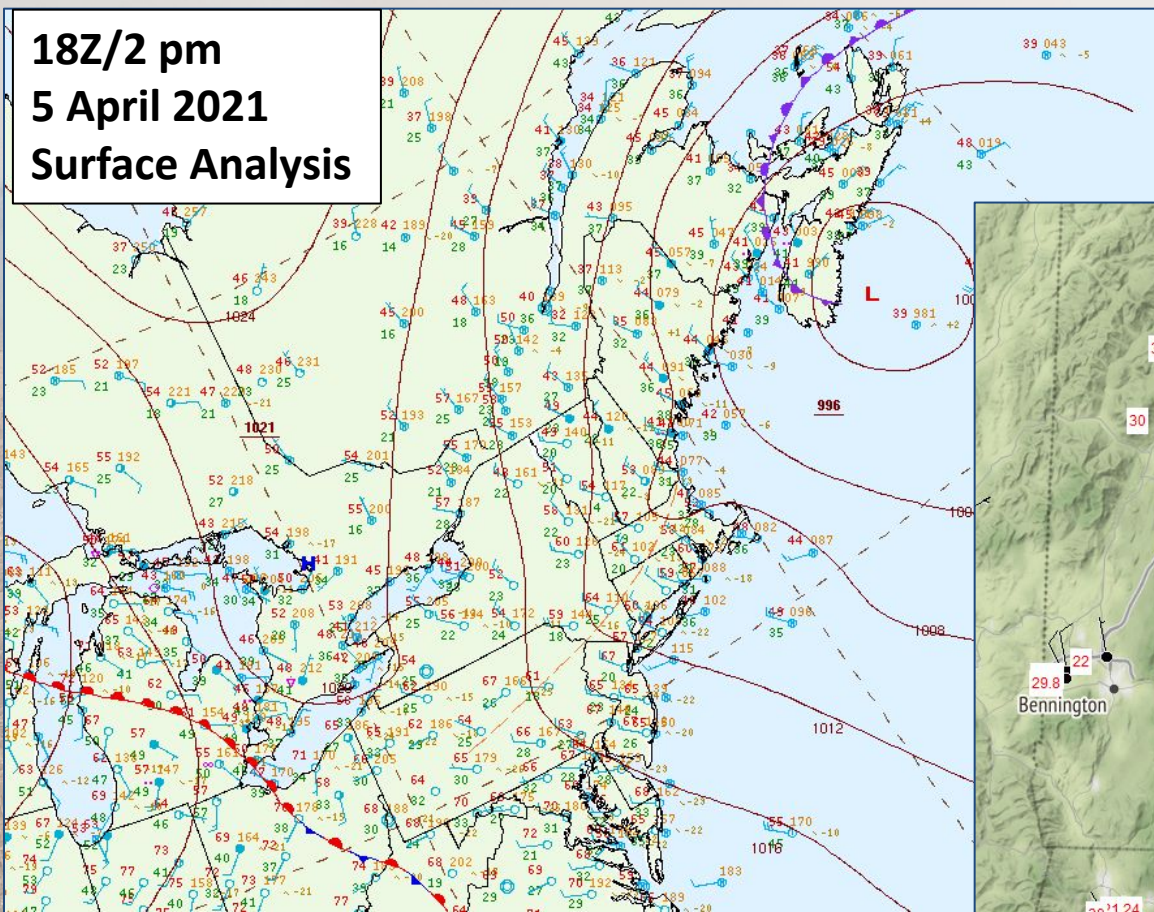
Avg Temperature Departure (° F)
April 2021



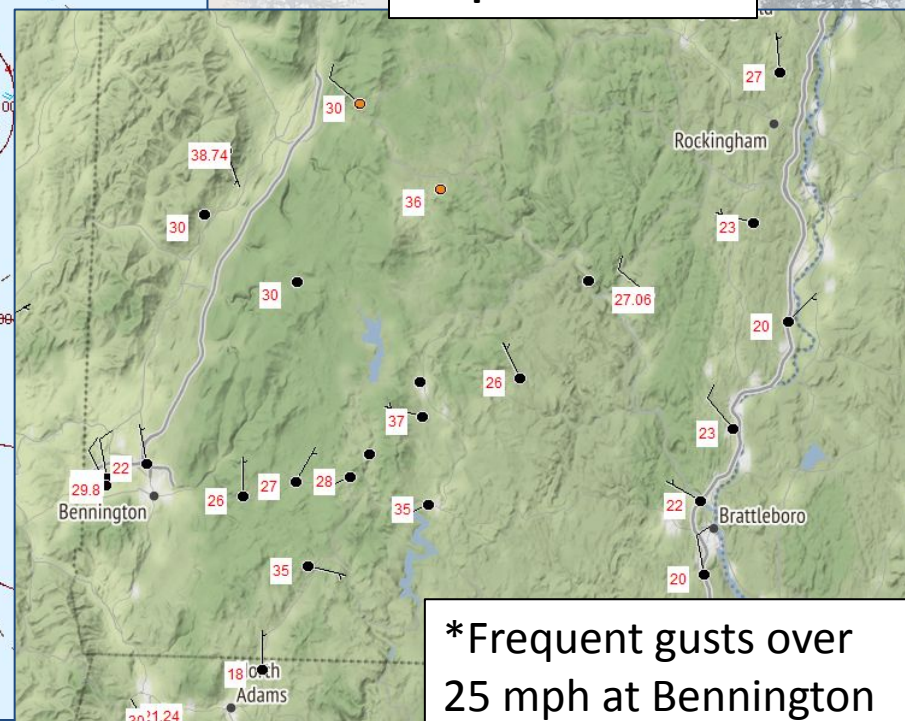
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- April 3-4: SPS issued for W. MA, NW CT
- April 5: RFW issued for S. VT; SPS issued for E. NY, W. MA, NW CT
- April 6: SPS issued for all of eastern NY/western New England

**18Z/2 pm
5 April 2021
Surface Analysis**



**Minimum RH
5 April 2021**

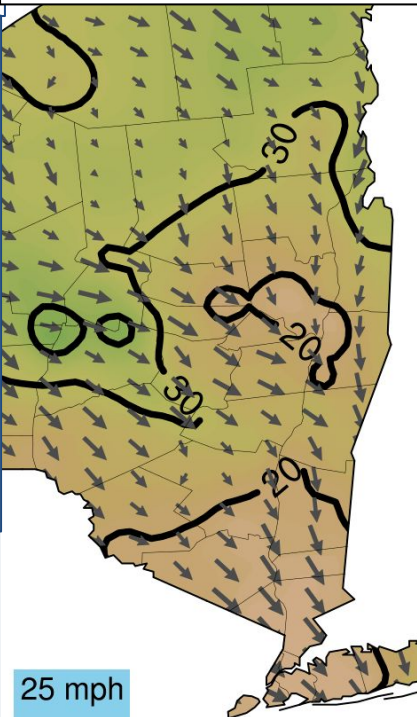
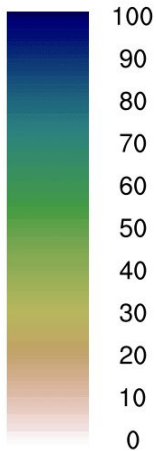


***Frequent gusts over
25 mph at Bennington**

2021 Fire Weather Season Review

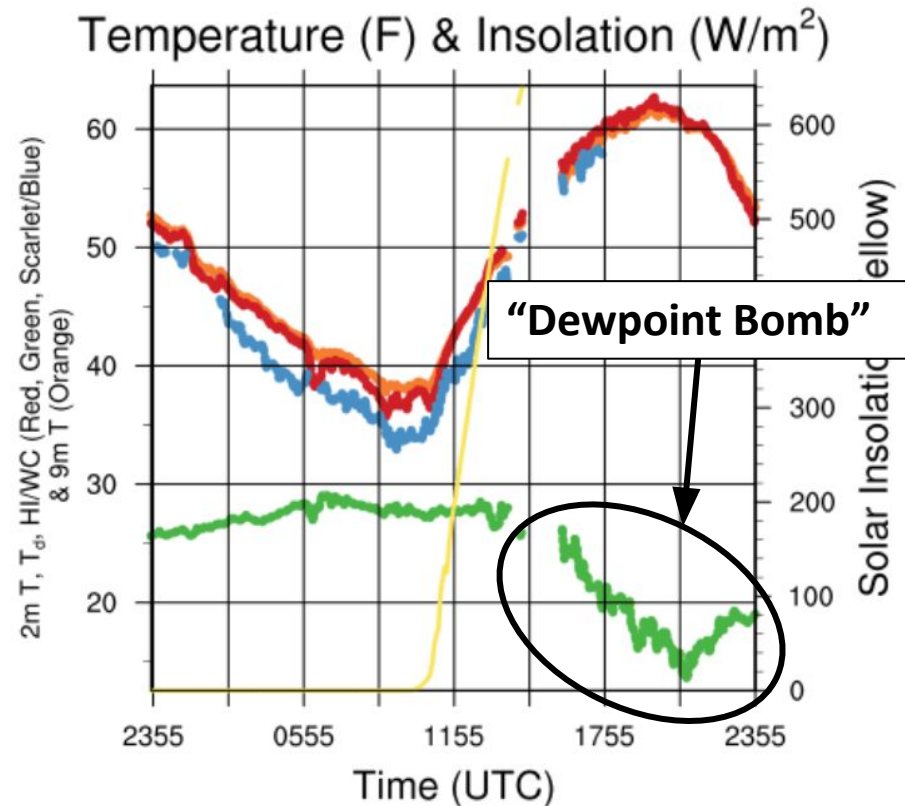
- April 3-4: SPS issued for W. MA, NW CT
- April 5: RFW issued for S. VT; SPS issued for E. NY, W. MA, NW CT
- April 6: SPS issued for all of eastern NY/western New England

2130Z/5:30 pm 5 April
Relative Humidity



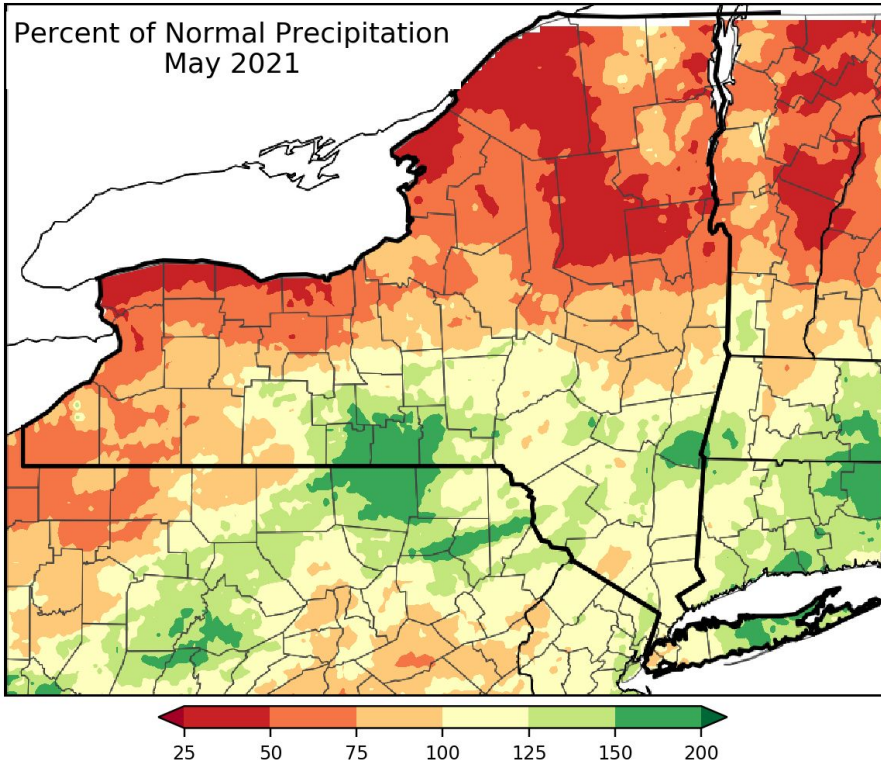
Data Valid: 2021

Meteogram from Ballston Spa, NY



2021 Fire Weather Season Review

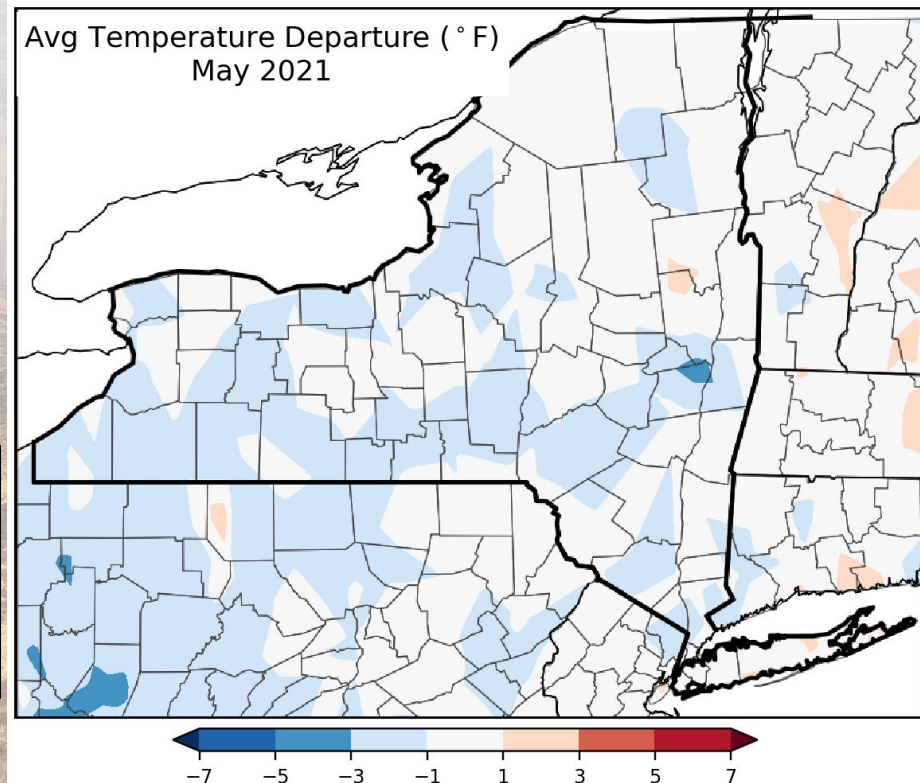
Percent of Normal Precipitation
May 2021



May:

Near to below normal temps
Below normal precip I-90
north; near normal south

Avg Temperature Departure (° F)
May 2021



May 11-25:

Very little precip across eastern
NY/western New England

2021 Fire Weather Season Review

East Mountain Wildfire, May 14-18

- Largest wildfire in MA since 1999; 947 acres burned
- Around 120 firefighters from 19 municipalities responded
- One firefighter hospitalized with minor injuries
- Burned uninhabited areas in the Clarksburg State Forest; resulted in closure of Appalachian Trail

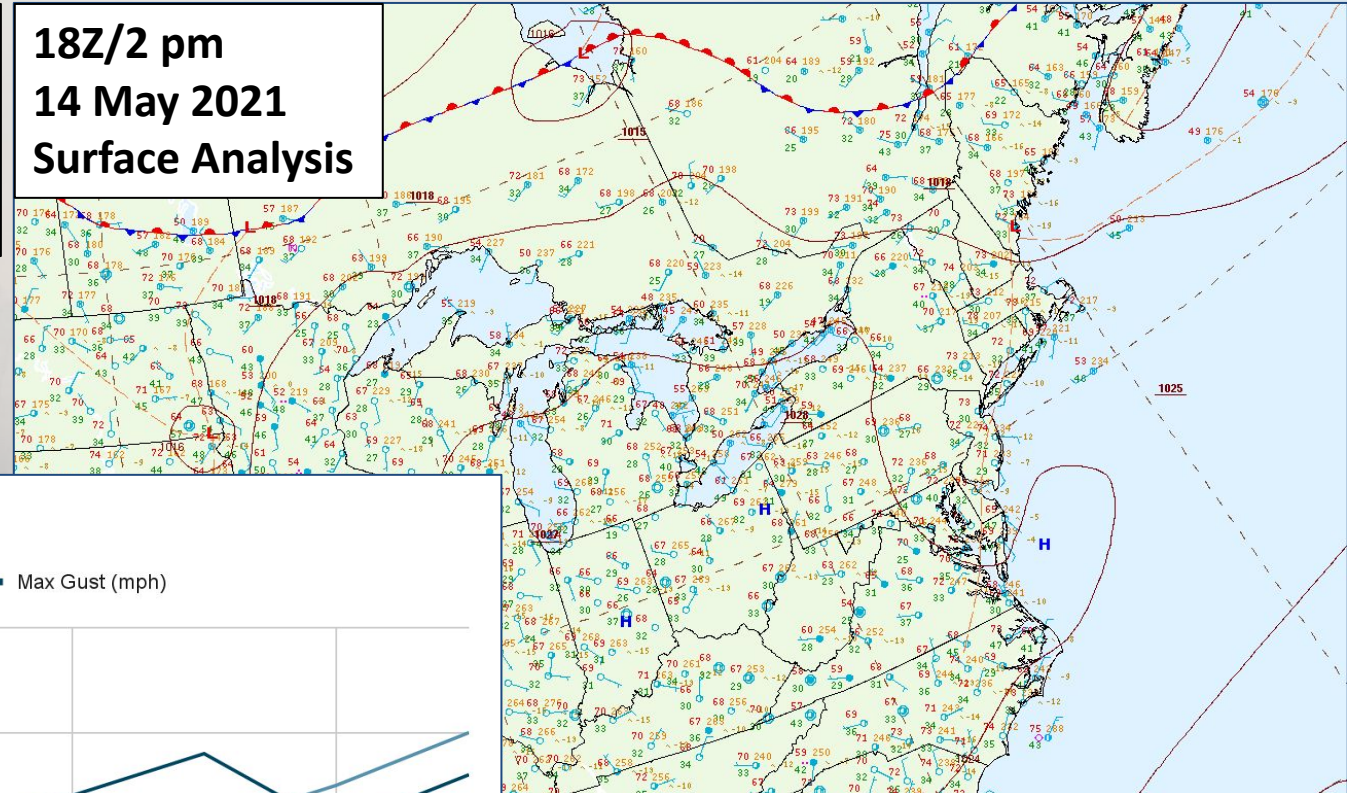


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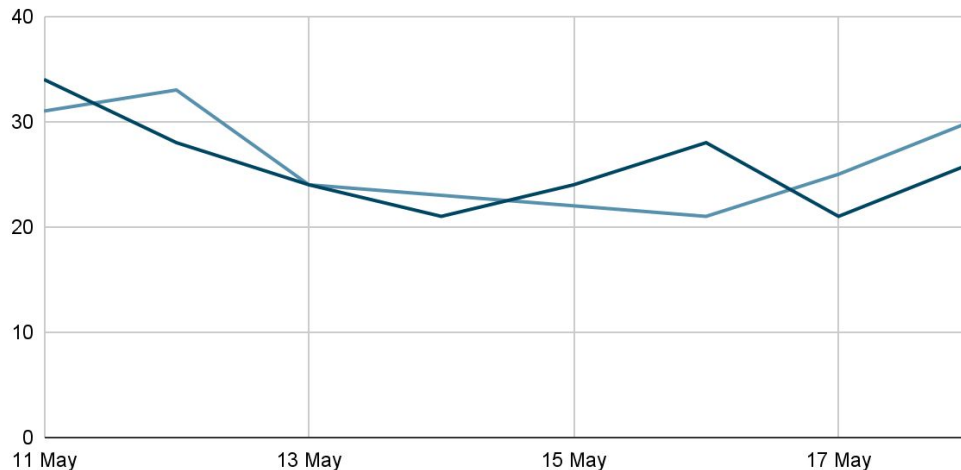
- Persistent high pressure blocked moisture from advancing into MA

**18Z/2 pm
14 May 2021
Surface Analysis**

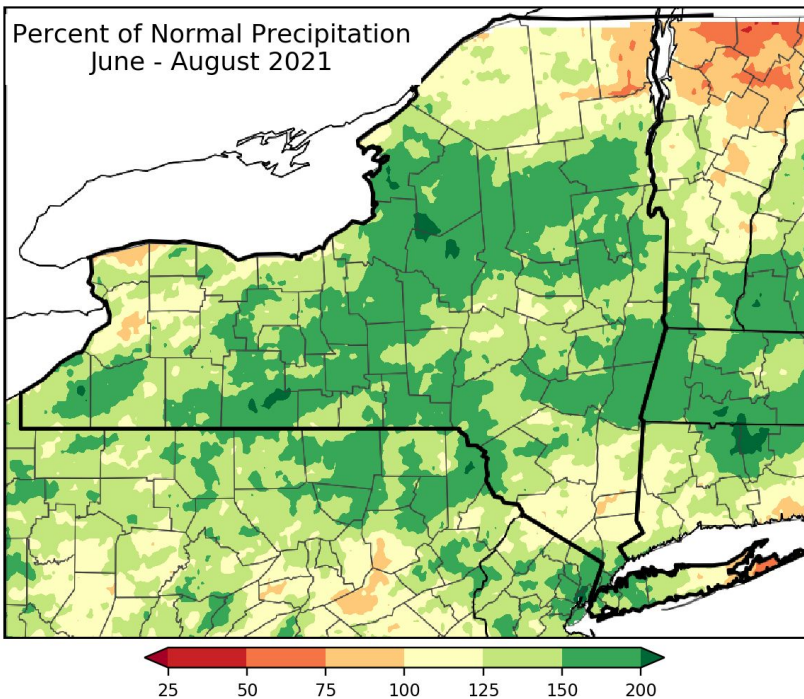


Pittsfield, MA

— RH (percent) — Max Gust (mph)

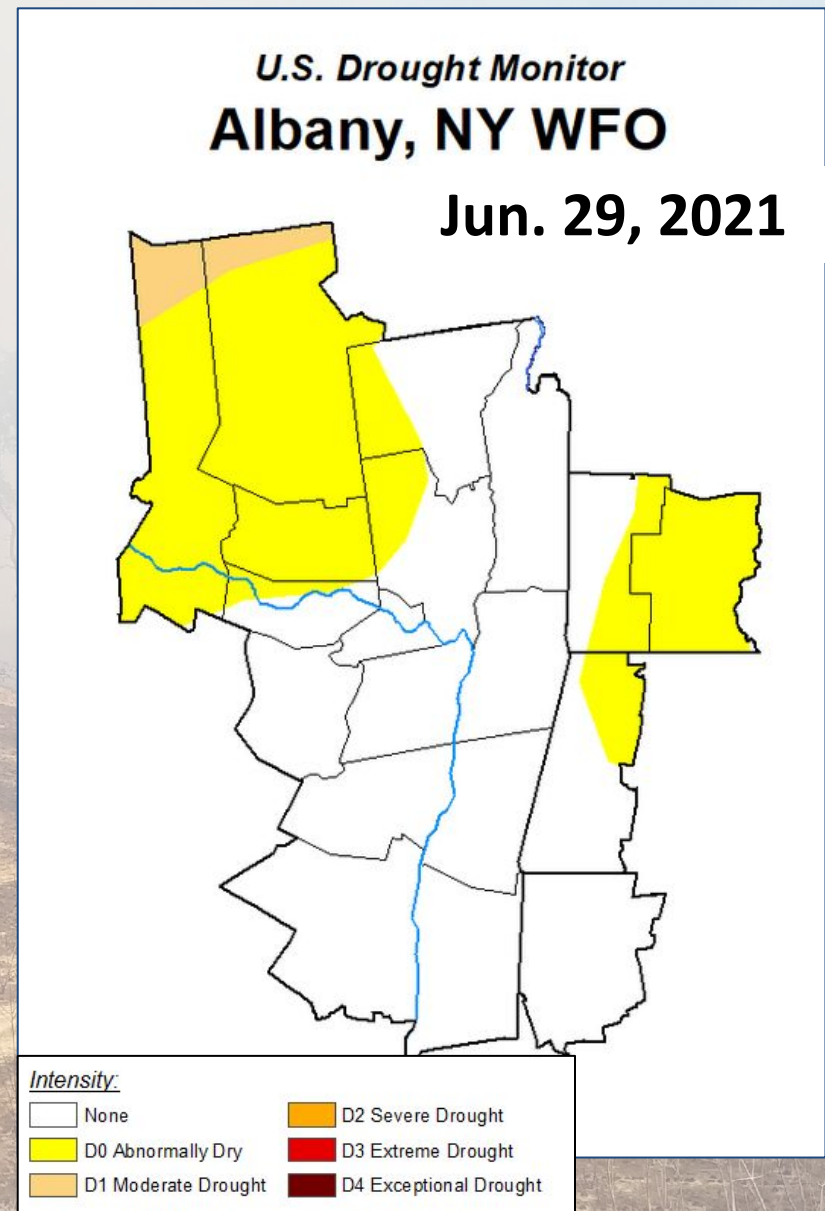


2021 Fire Weather Season Review



Summer

- Mainly wetter than normal
- Abnormally dry conditions in the ADKs in June were wiped out in July/Aug





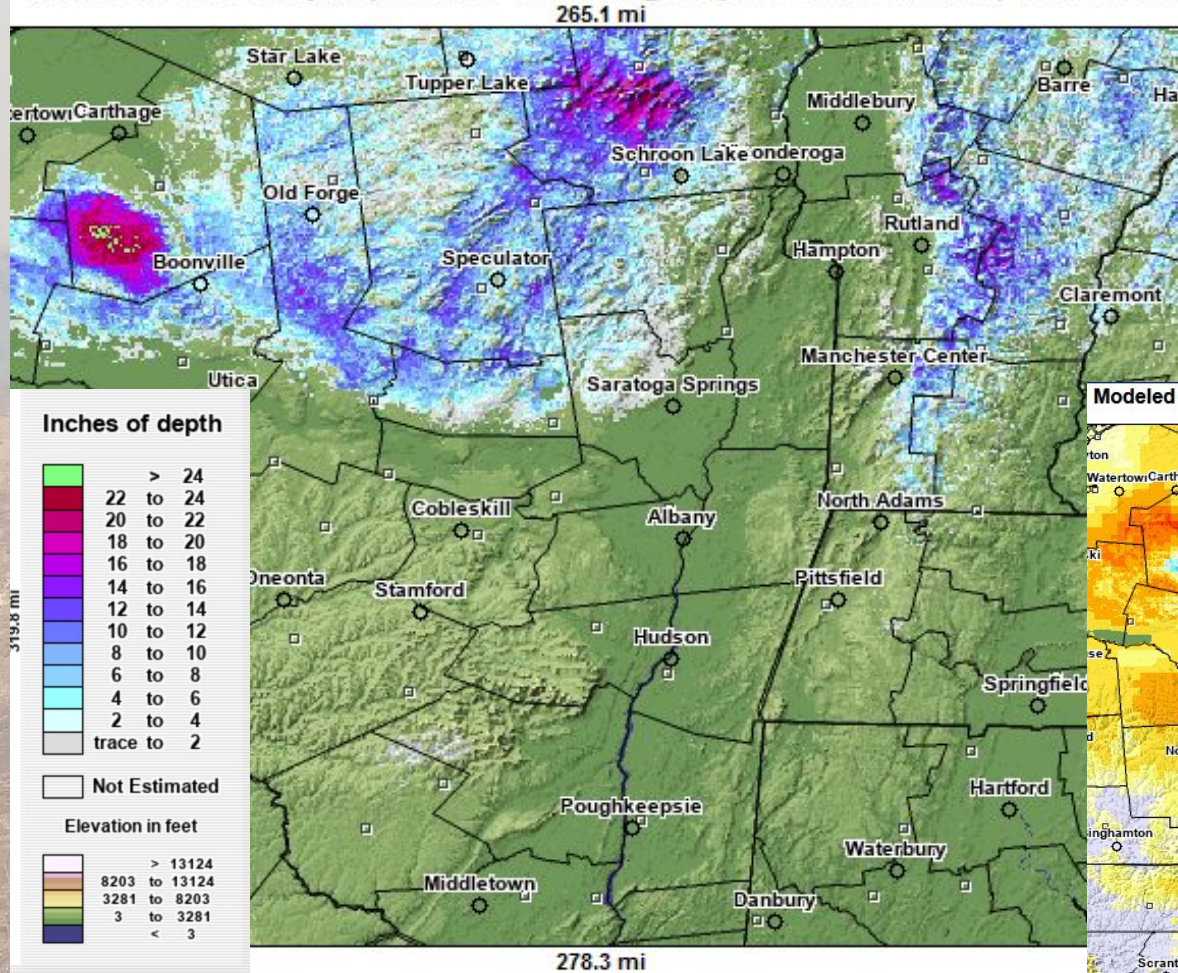
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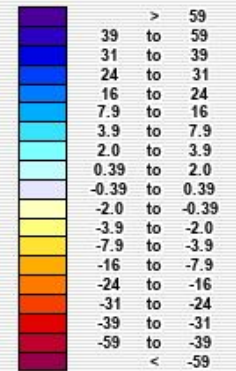
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CURRENT SNOW DEPTH

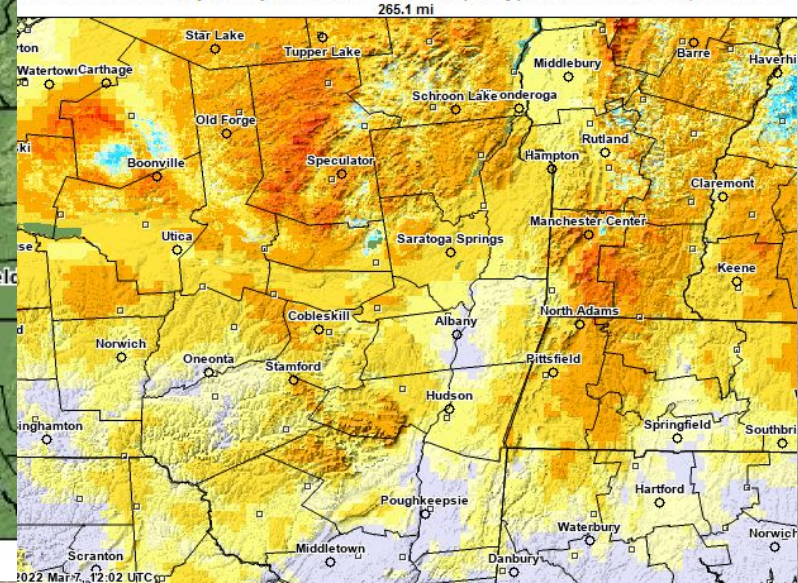
Modeled Snow Depth (Shallow-snow Legend) for 2022 March 7, 12:00 UTC



Inches of depth

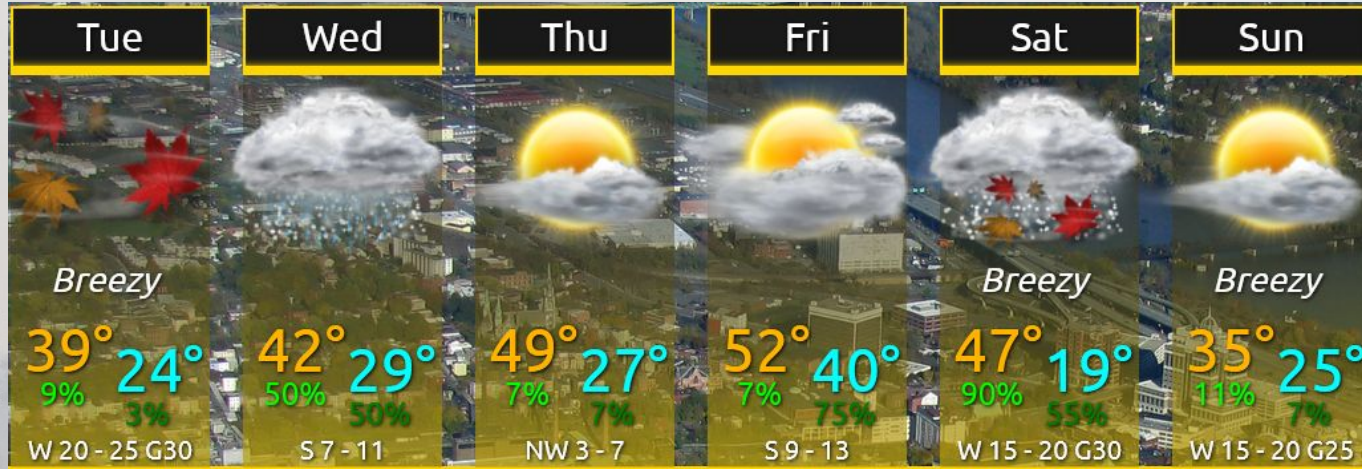


Modeled Snow Depth Departure from Normal (Daily) for 2022 March 7, 6:00 UTC

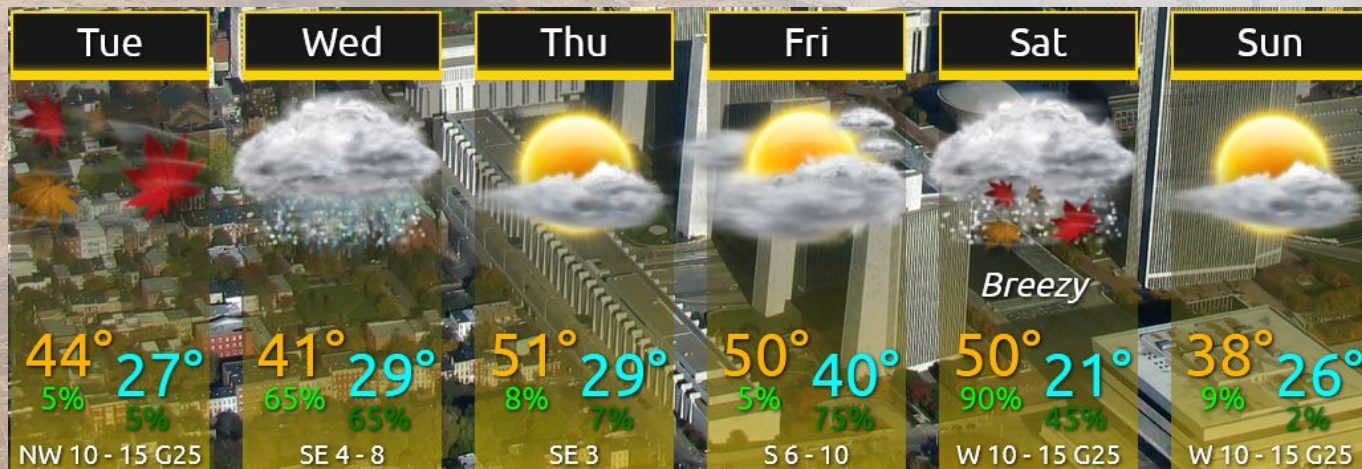


2022 Spring Outlook

6-DAY FORECAST - Mar. 8-13



7 Day Forecast - Albany, NY



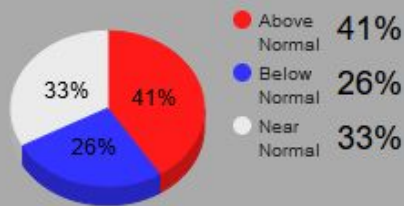
7 Day Forecast - Poughkeepsie, NY

- Milder than normal this week, becoming colder for the weekend
- Light rain/snow Wed.; stronger storm likely Sat with rain turning to snow?

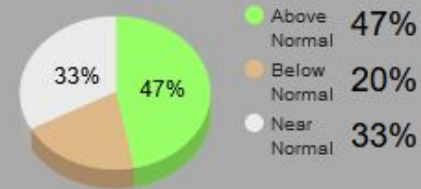
2022 Spring Outlook

- March 15–21 likely near to above normal temps and precip

Three Category Temperature Outlook
Normal Maximum Temperature: **44**
Normal Minimum Temperature: **24**



Three Category Precipitation Outlook
Normal Precipitation: **0.82**



8 to 14 Day Outlook

Tuesday March 15 - Monday March 21

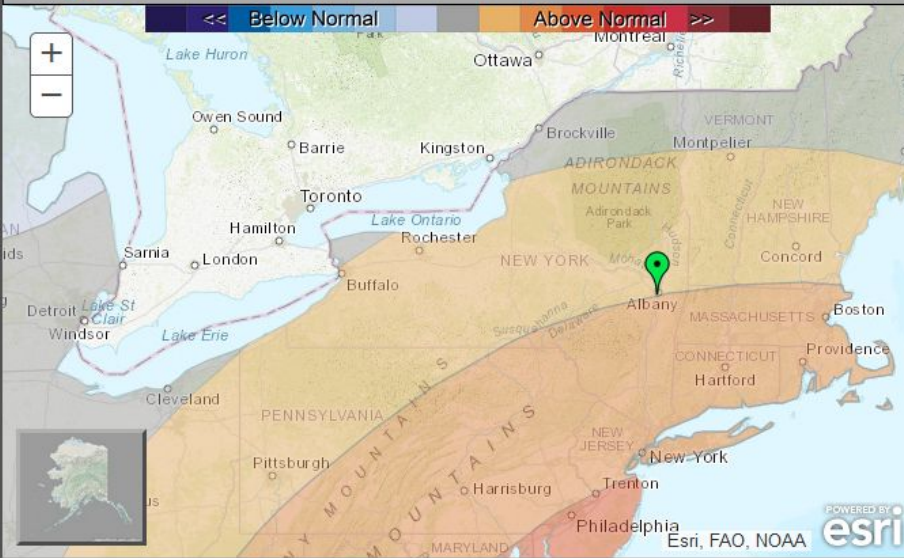
Temperature

● Outlook

Opacity: 60%

Precipitation

● Outlook



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Tuesday March 15 - Monday March 21

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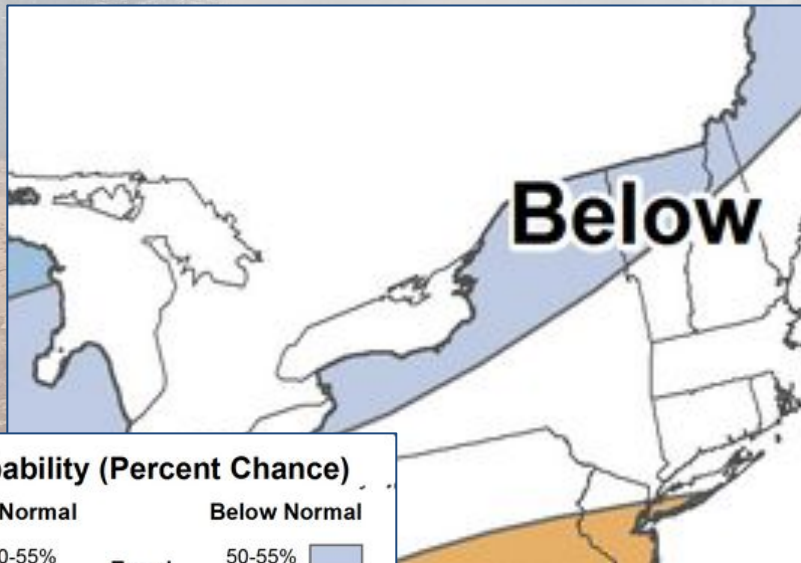


2022 Spring Outlook

- Equal chances for above/below normal precip late March
- Near to above normal precip favored late March

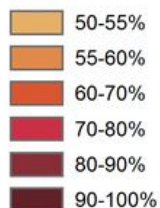
**Climate Prediction Center
Week 3–4 Temperature Outlook
Valid March 19–April 1**

**Climate Prediction Center
Week 3–4 Precipitation Outlook
Valid March 19–April 1**



Probability (Percent Chance)

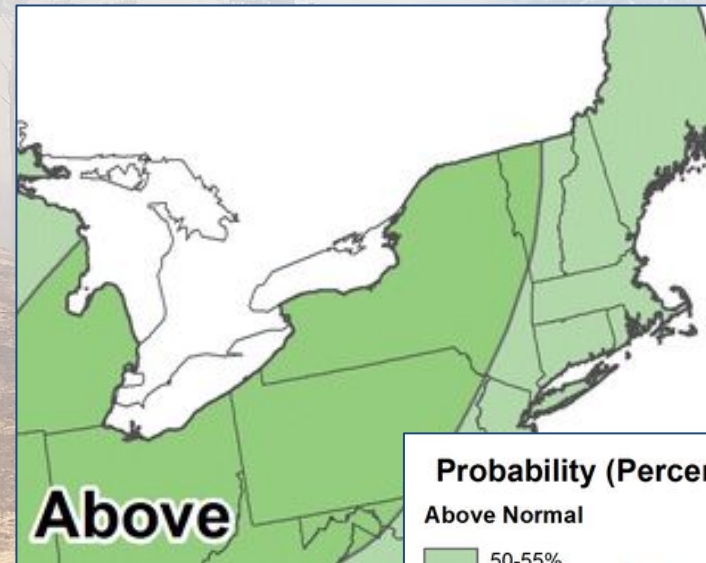
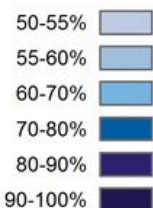
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Equal Chances

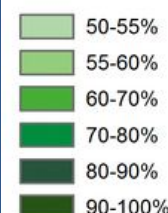


Below Normal



Probability (Percent Chance)

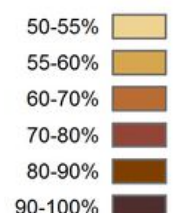
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Equal Chances



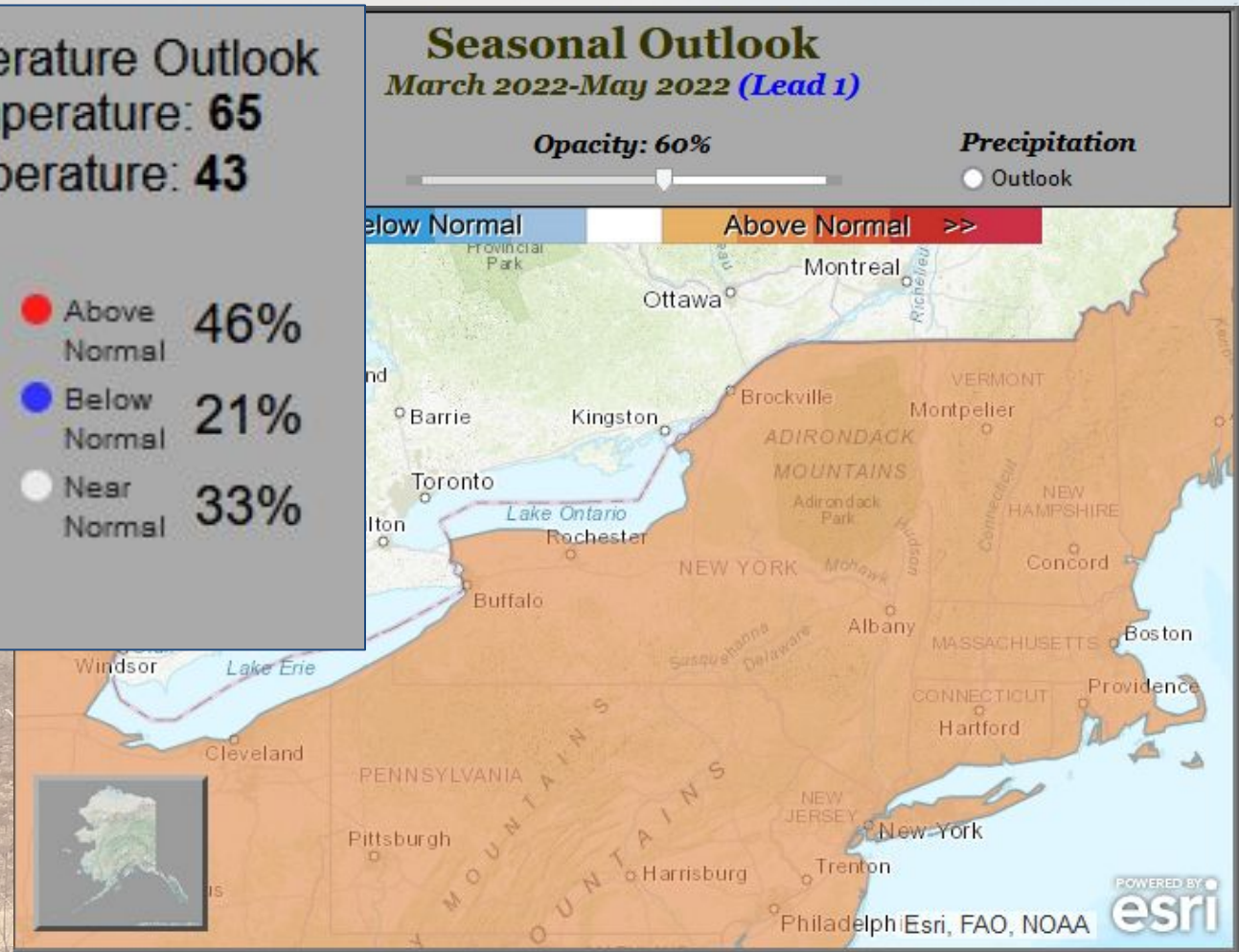
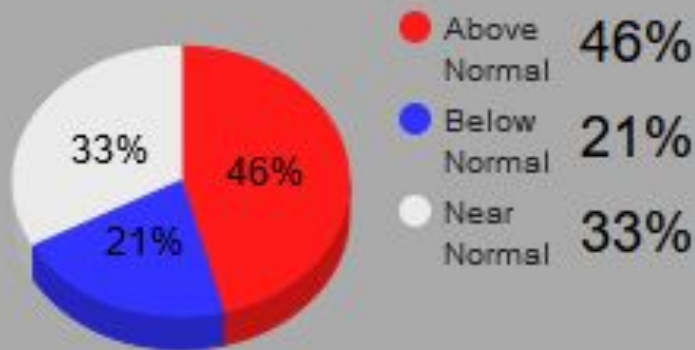
Below Normal



2022 Spring Outlook

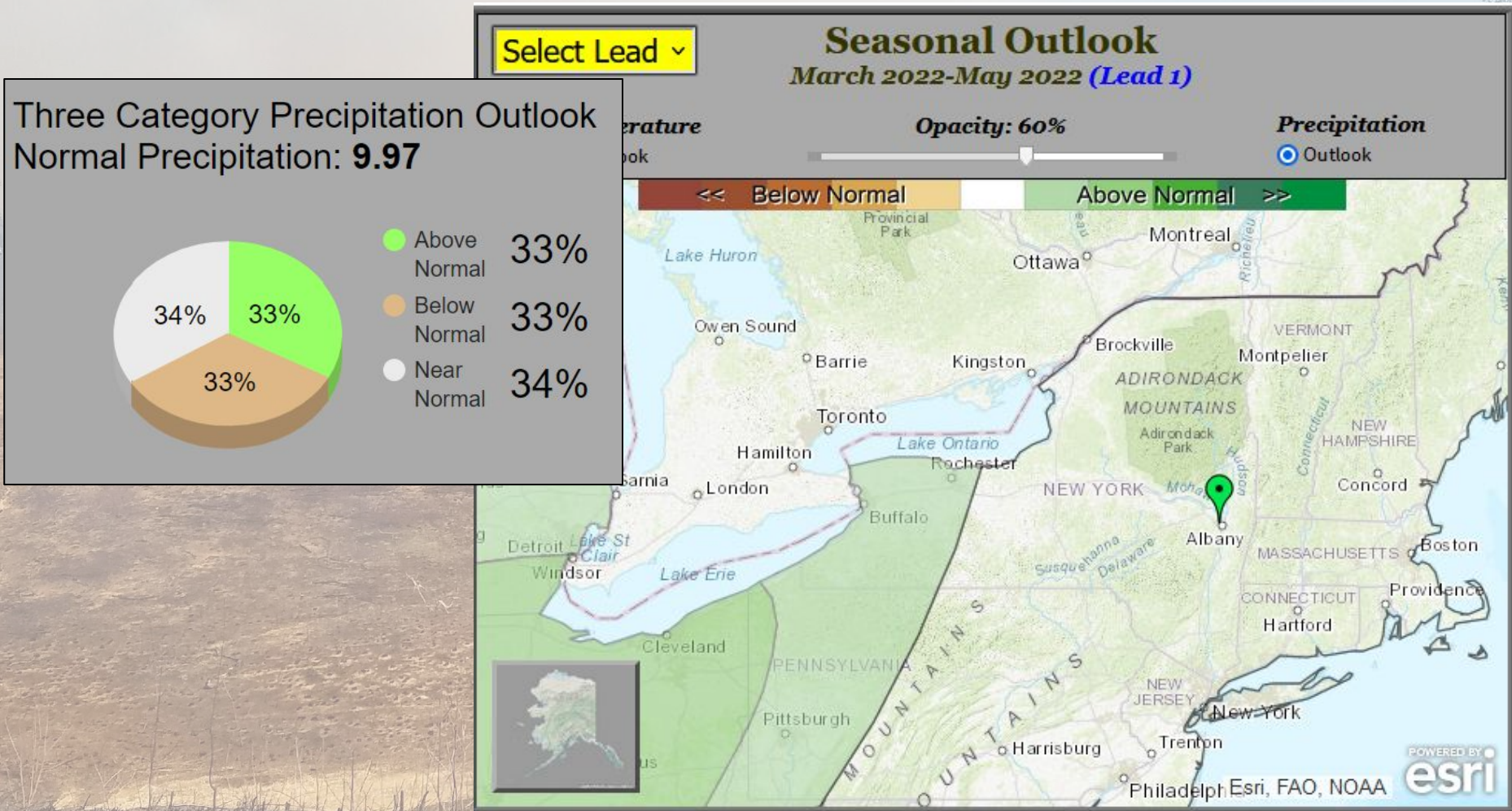
- Climate Prediction Center favoring near to above-normal temperatures during spring (MAM) (80% chance)

Three Category Temperature Outlook
Normal Maximum Temperature: **65**
Normal Minimum Temperature: **43**



2022 Spring Outlook

- Climate Prediction Center says no clear signal for precip during spring (MAM)





2022 Spring Outlook



- Little to no snow cover remains, except over southern Adirondacks/southern Greens (below normal everywhere)
- A couple of dry/mild/sunny days Thu/Fri, but strong storm possible for Saturday, bringing rain/snow and colder temps in its wake
- Mild/wet pattern expected to resume next week
- Variable temps with above normal precip for the end of March
- Above normal temps favored for spring; no clear signal for precip



New/Miscellaneous Items



NEW:

Redesigning Fire Wx Zones

- NFDRS v4: New Fire Danger Rating Areas (FDRAs) to better represent fuels, topography, and climatological weather

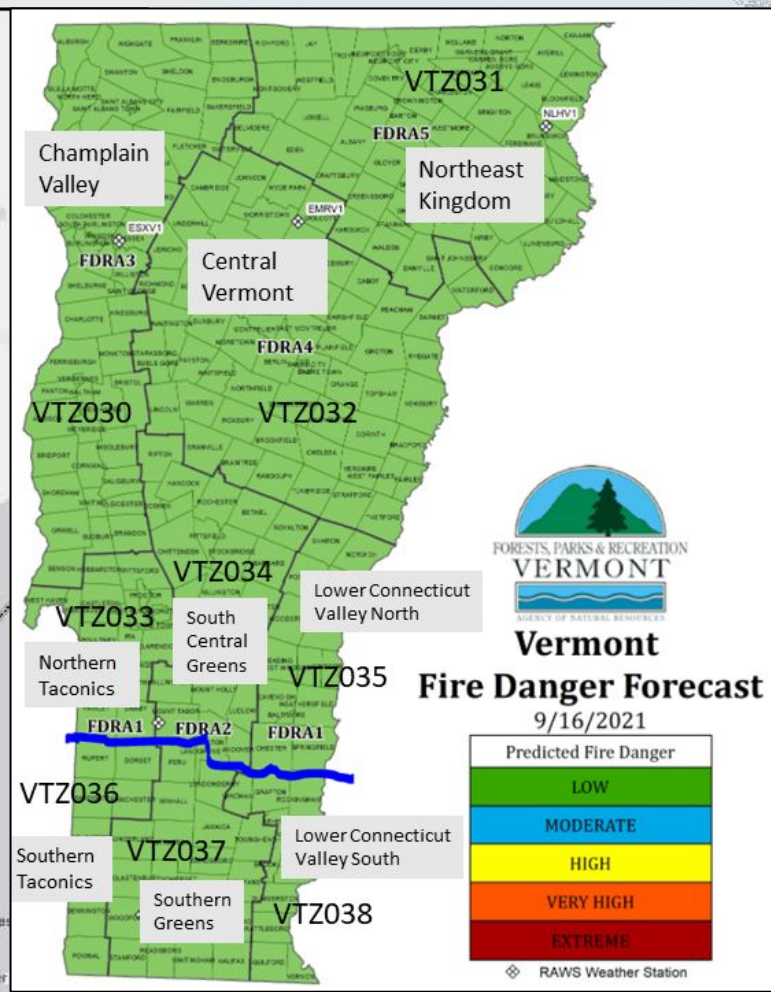
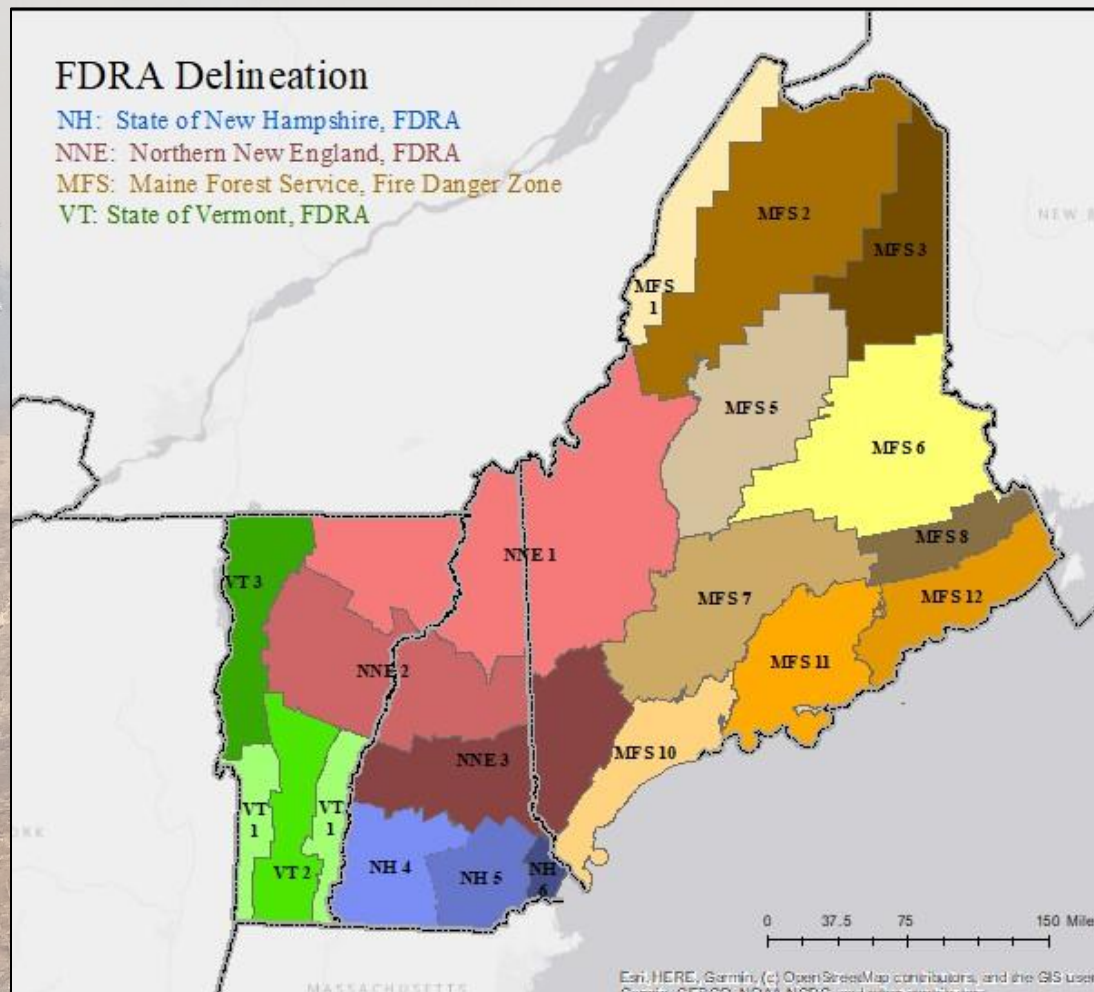
Fdra Delineation

NH: State of New Hampshire, FDRA

NNE: Northern New England, FDRA

MFS: Maine Forest Service, Fire Danger Zone

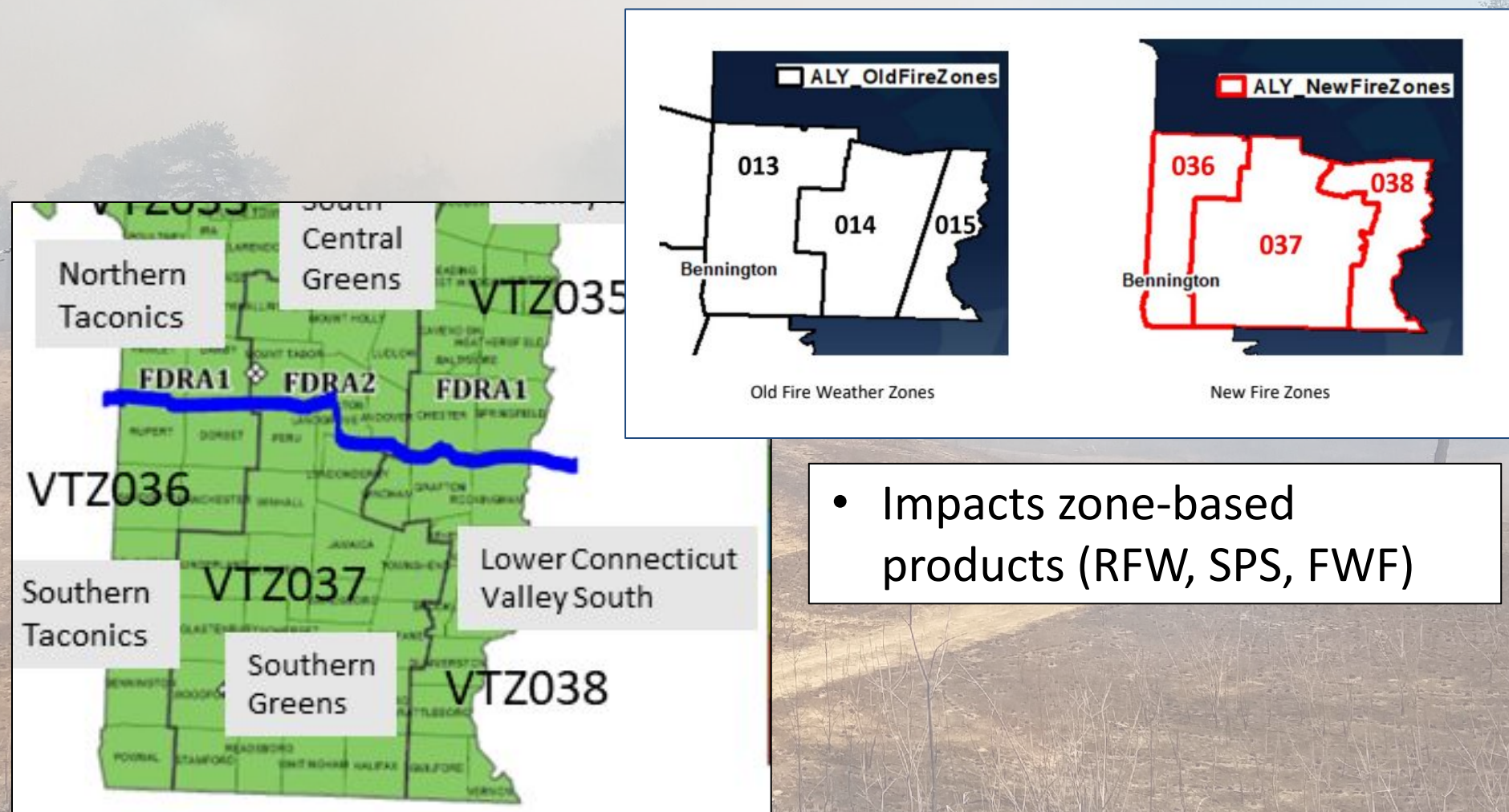
VT: State of Vermont, FDRA



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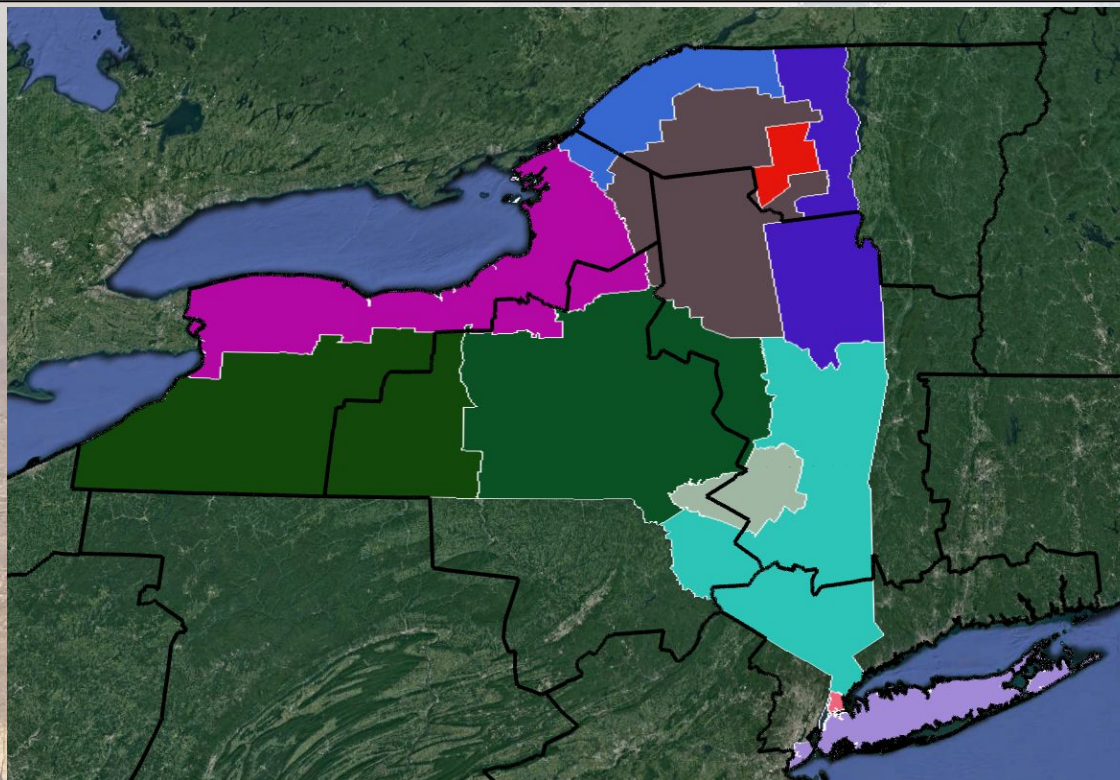
- New fire wx zones for VT go into effect 22 March (NWS Albany and Burlington)



NEW:

Redesigning Fire Wx Zones

- Working with NYSDEC to align the NY fire wx zones to the FDRAs as best as possible (becomes tricky where FDRAs cross CWA boundaries)
- Expect this to be implemented by March 2023 (lots of internal/technological changes on the NWS end, so process is slow)





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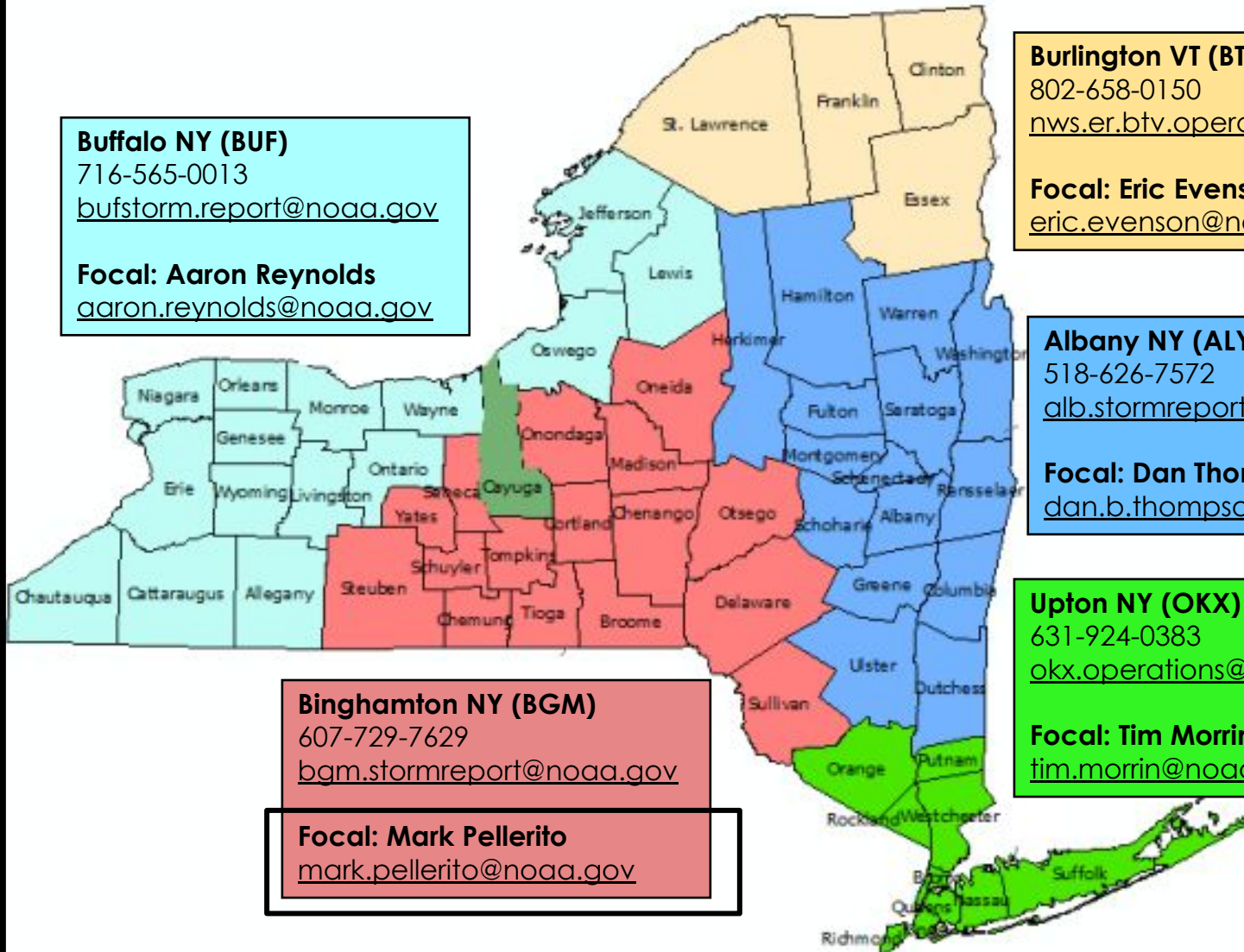
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One-Page Briefings

- Sent to the NY/VT fire weather email lists when we issue a Special Weather Statement for elevated risk of fire spread (usually AM)
- Used to raise situational awareness of fire weather conditions
- A more extensive briefing will be issued for Red Flag Warnings

Elevated Risk of Fire Spread Today



Albany, NY
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE



OVERVIEW

- Westerly winds gusting to near 20 mph combined with relative humidity values falling below 30 percent in the afternoon will contribute to an elevated risk of fire spread today.

TIMING

- 9 am to 6 pm today

LOCATION

- The risk will be highest over the Mid Hudson Valley, Capital District, and lower elevations of the eastern Catskills, Schoharie Valley, central Mohawk Valley, and Taconics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

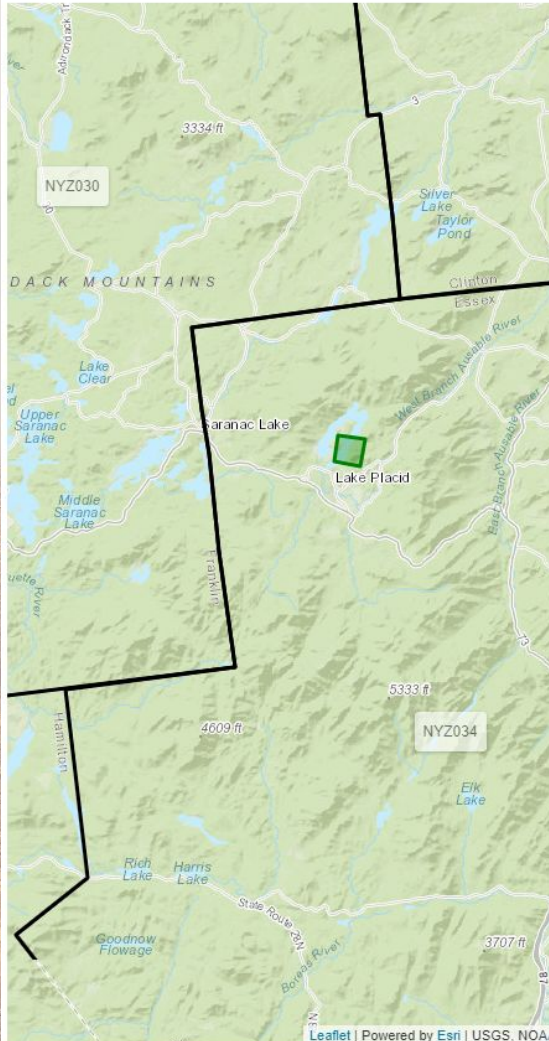
- Rain is expected tonight, bringing and end to the

Feedback welcome:
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Fire Weather Matrix

- Linked in “Local Products and Forecast” tab of weather.gov/aly/fire
- Point-and-click planning forecast color-coded based on thresholds



Forecast Matrix for 44.3120 -73.97232
For Planning Purposes Only, See SPOT for Official Forecast

	Tue Feb 18	Wed Feb 19	Thu Feb 20	Fri Feb 21	Sat Feb 22	Sun Feb 23
LAL	1	1	1	1	1	1
Min Humidity (%)	75	64	60	62	66	61
Max Wind Gust (mph)	41	32	16	23	25	16
Wind Direction *	S	W	W	W	W	SW
Haines	3	3	5	4	3	2
Max Temperature (F)	36	21	9	22	32	35
Max Humidity (%)	85	88	82	100	84	78
Cloud Cover @1500 (%)	100	62	53	46	53	60
Probability of Precip (%)	100	30	8	5	5	13

	Neutral - Values that Neutralize or Suppress Fire Conditions	Caution - Values that Support Elevated Fire Conditions	Danger - Values that Promote Extreme Fire Conditions
LAL Criteria:	4, 5	2, 3	6
Min Humidity Criteria:	>= 30 %	21 to 29 %	<= 20 %
Max Wind Gust Criteria:	<= 10 mph	11 to 19 mph	>= 20 mph
Wind Direction Criteria:	Criticality of wind direction highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened. Direction matches timing of max gust.		
Haines Criteria:	<= 4	5	6
Max Temp. Criteria:	Temperature thresholds available between June 1 and September 20.		
Max Humidity Criteria:	>= 55 %	35 to 54 %	<= 34 %
Cloud Cover Criteria:	>= 40 %	< 39 %	
Probability of Precip Criteria:	>= 40 %	< 39 %	

A Critical Weather Day is when 4 or more parameters are Red.



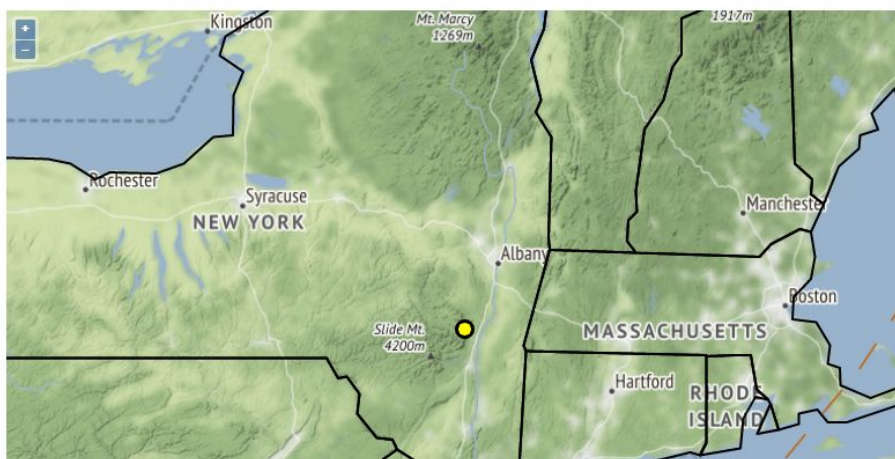
Fire Wx Dashboard

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- Point-and-click forecast hourly/daily
- Mobile-friendly

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Hourly Table

Day of week:

Sunday 2/23

Time:

8AM 9AM 10AM 11AM 12PM 1PM 2PM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6PM 7PM 8PM 9PM 10PM 11PM

Weather:

☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀

Temperature:

31 33 35 37 38 39 40 40 40 37 35 34 34 33 32 31

RH (%):

55 53 51 48 44 42 42 42 42 46 45 45 43 47 49 47

Wind Speed (mph):

5 5 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 6 7 7 7 7 8

Wind Gust (mph):

7 6 6 6 6 7 6 6 7 7 8 9 10 10 10 12

Wind Direction (°):

270 270 260 250 240 230 230 230 230 230 230 240 240 240 240 240

Wind Direction:

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20 Ft. Wind Direction:

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Trans. Wind Direction (°):

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Trans. Wind Direction:

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Prob. of Precip.:

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Precip. Amount:

0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Snow:

0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Ice:

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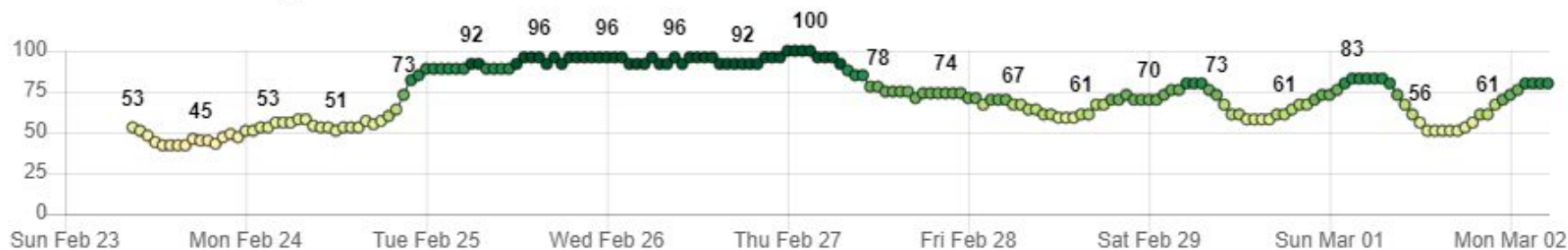
Sky Cover:

4 4 4 4 4 5 11 15 15 14 14 13 10 8 5 6

Mixing Height (x100ft):

3 7 12 22 31 35 31 23 14 8 4 1 0 0 1 1

Relative Humidity, %





Summit Forecasts

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Selected summits
in the southern
Adirondacks,
Catskills, southern
Greens, Berkshires

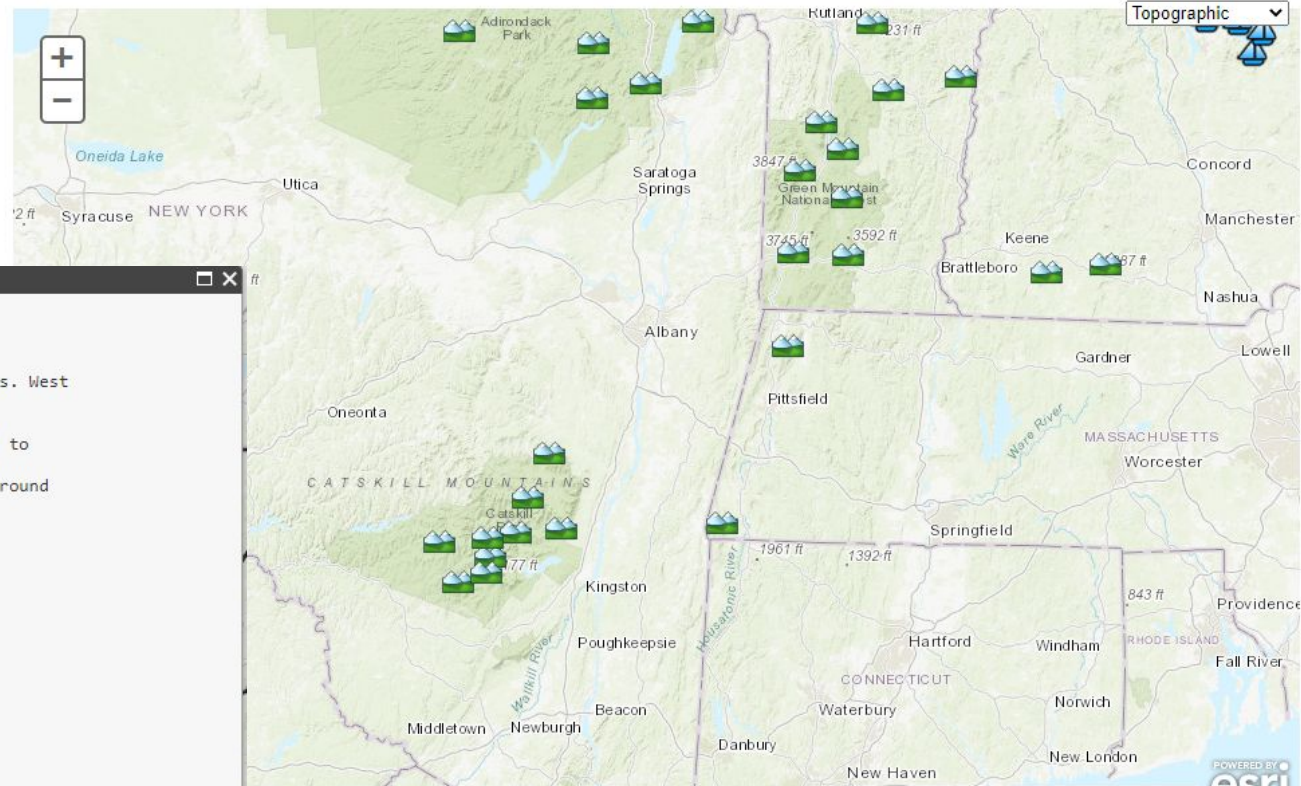
Mountain Point Forecasts

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Click an icon on the map to display the forecast for that location, or scroll down the page for text links to all the forecasts



PHAROAH MOUNTAIN

The forecast for Pharaoh Mountain, New York at 2,533 ft:
Last Updated at 259 AM EST Sat Feb 22 2020

.TODAY...Summits obscured in clouds. Highs in the lower 30s. West winds around 15 mph.
.TONIGHT...Summits obscured in clouds until midnight, then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 20. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
.SUNDAY...Mostly sunny. Highs around 40. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Detailed Forecast Data:

DATE	Sat 02/22/20	Sun 02/23/20
TIME (EST)	06 09 12 15 18 21 00 03 06 09 12 15 18	06 09 12 15 18
TEMP (F)	18 23 28 30 26 26 24 22 21 27 37 40 34	
WIND DIR	SW W W W W W SW SW SW SW SW SW SW	
WIND SPD (MPH)	12 13 13 13 12 11 10 9 9 9 10 11	
WIND GST (MPH)	19 20 20 20 19 17 16 13 13 13 13 16 17	
SKY COVER (%)	10 08 08 08 08 08 08 10 20 24 33 36 33	
WIND CHL (F)	5 11 17 19 15 15 14 12 11 18 30 33 26	
PROP PRECIP (%)	3 3 2 2 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	
SNOW AMT (IN)	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	

[New detailed hourly forecast available here!](#)

nd out of clouds, OB= Obscured in clouds, AB= Above the clouds

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Start of NWS Albany Fire Weather Season

Monday, March 14th





Open Forum

- 2022 prescribed burn plans?
- Update on new Fire Danger Rating Areas for MA/CT?
- When are the FWM/NFDRS forecasts needed?



Feedback Requested!

- Requesting info on how partners access fire wx info, and any feedback on the fire wx program
- [Feedback form](#)



Thank You!

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